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RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

DIARY AND CONSULTATION BOOK

OF

1688.

[*From January* 1 *to December* 31, 1688.]

FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 168⅞

The Diary and Consultation Bo[o]k of the Honble Elihu Yale Esqr President Governo[ur] & Councill, their Proceedings & Transactio[ns] for the Affairs of the R^t^ Honble English East India Company in the Presidency of the Coast of Choromandell and the Bay of Bengala.

Ship Adventure Thomas Hickes Master Sailed for Bombay. ℣ mo Adventure sailed for Bombay.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 2.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^RE^ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY S^R^ JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Capt Anthony Weltden excused the not delivering in an accompt of his Tenasseree expedition, having not yet finished itt, & promises to bee very particular & large therein, but deliver'd in an acc^t^ of the demorage of his Ship, & charges dieting the Souldiers he carried & brought back with him from Mergen, which the accomptant is order'd to examine and report itt to the Councill. Capt Weltdens acct of his Tenasseree expedition not finished. He delivers acct of Demorage &c. Orderd to be examined.

The Councill being very Solicitous in sending home advices of affairs here to the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ & there being no Ship as yet arrived here from the Bay, or the Southward, the discourse of hiring a free Ship was renewed, but resolved to await Some few dayes longer, in expectation of their own Shipping. Concerning hiring a ship to send advices to England. To await a few dayes for the arrivall of their Honrs shipping.

Order'd that Pag^o^ 1000 be paid to Mr Nathaniell Higginson Paymaster Generall, to defray Charges Garrison &c^a^. P 1000 to be paid Mr Higginson.

The acc^t^ being made up of the Madapollam Cloth, bought & Sorted for the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ acc^t^ amounting to P 1404 : 07. Itt is ordred to be paid. Madapollam Cloth to be paid for.

Note.—the Diary and Consultations of the period, January 1 to February 17, 1688, have been taken from Public Consultations, Volume XIII, pages 193–248.

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Concerning Tasherifing the Joint Stock Merchants.

Itt being usuall to Tasherif the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Chief Merch^{ts} yearly att this Season, but they having been no ways Servicable to the Comp^{as} affairs this year, as well from their own differences & disagreement as also from the troubles in the Country, which greatly discourages & obstructs all trade, which occation'd our hesitation in doing itt, But considering 'twould bee a great discredit to them, & possibly occation such discontents as might bee prejudiciall to the trade of the place, 'tis therefore agreed that they bee presented with broad Cloth as accustomary, itt amounting to a Small vallue, but that they be reprehended for their neglect and disagreement, and advised & assisted to a reconciliation.

Merchants to be Tasherift.

Walter Steward Petitions to be freed from the duty of a Souldier. Agreed to free him, he paying the Rt Honble [Compas] charge in sending him out.

One Walter Stewart a Phisitian coming out on the Resolution in the quallity of a Souldier, and having had Severall Successfull practices in his profession here, made itt his Petition to bee free'd from the duty of a Souldier, that he might have more time to Study & practice, which in consideration, that there is great occation for him in Town these Sickly times, 'tis agreed that he bee free'd from bearing Armes, provided he pay the Charge &c^{a} the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} have been att in Sending him out.

Elihu Yale.
John Gray.
J. Biggs.
John Littleton.
R: Ffreeman.
Tho: Wavell.
Nat: Higginson.
Will: Fraser.

John Stables Sec^{ry}.

3. *Generall &ca from Conimeer.*

Rec^{d} a Generall from Conimeer dated 31st past with Invoyces and Bills of Lading for what they have laden on the Royall James & Pearle, & a List of what they rec^{d} from aboard them, & both Sailed the 30th past, they Send our Acc^{t} Curr^{t} & that their books Shall follow as Soon as coppied, they desire a ffactor & a Writer for their assistance in their business, they have delivered their goods & treasure to the Merchants & want mony to pay their Washers, & charge of the Factory & to Send them more Ropes & Gunnys, which are not procurable with them, & that the troubles in those parts do daily encrease.

4. *Generall from Coodaloor.*

Rec^{d} a Generall from Coodaloor dated 31th past advising the receipt of the Pag^{o} 1000 Sent them, that they had ready there 229 Bales & att Portonovo 134, that their Merchants desired Pag^{o} 20000 to carry on the Investment, which they question not to compleat by the middle of next month, if Supplied with Said money, & that they had put off half the Gold Thread to them att Pag^{o} 3$\frac{3}{4}$ ꝑ Rowl, one with another designing the other half for the Portonovo Merchants.

Att a Consultatton

Present

Thursday 5.

Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governour
Mr John Gray Sr John Biggs
Mr John Littleton Mr Robert Freeman
Mr Thomas Wavell Mr Nath. Higginson
Mr William Fraser.

Royall James being full could not go to Coodaloor as order'd. Curtana to be sent to fetch theirs & Portonovo goods.

Our orders to the Royall James for her dispatch to Coodaloor found her att Conimeer, but she being full laden & no other Vessell there for to lighten her they advise us, that she Sailed hither the 30th of last month, to repair this disappointment, Itt is agreed to hire the Curtana Frigat to fetch the goods from Coodaloor & Portonovo, whereupon Capt Anthony Weltden was Sent for, & treated with about the Curtana's going, who Seemed unwilling to go the voyage, being design'd for Acheen, but after Some discourse of the necessity thereof, as well to

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Secure those goods from the danger & troubles of the Country, as to have them in readiness to Send to England upon the first Ship, without which wee could not compleat a lading & that itt would bee a good Service to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} he was perswaded to contract for the voyage att half a Pagoda freight each Bale, which we esteem very reasonable the usuall rate being one Pag^{o} from those parts.

Capt Weltden unwilling to go. Perswaded to go, freight to be half a Pago each Bale. The freight very reasonable.

In their Generall Letter of the 31th past the Chief &c^{a} advising that their Merchants are in a great readiness with their contract, & have much goods by them, but cannot compleat their Investment, without more money requiring Pag^{o} 20000. Since the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} will Suddenly be much more indebted to them, but considering there may bee Some danger in advanceing & Sending so great a Summe to them att once, 'tis agreed and order'd that no more then Pag^{o} 10000 bee Sent them now by the Curtana, but to advise them, wee Shall duely pay the remainer upon making up Acco^{tts}.

Coodaloor Merchants reqnire Pago 20000.

P 10000 to bee sent them.

They also advising their want of money att Conimeer to dicharge their necessary expences, 'tis order'd that Pag^{o} 1000 bee Sent them with advice to mannage itt with their greatest frugallity.

P 1000 to be sent to Conimeer.

The R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} being very desirous of Cotton Romalls and there offering a parcell for Sale, the Musters being examined by the Councill after Some treaties about them & the price, wee att last came to an agreement for them, att Pag^{o} 13 ℔ Corge each peice to contain 16 handkerchiefs, which wee esteem very cheap, and the Warehouskeeper is order'd to Sort and receive them accordingly.

Cotton Romalls bought.

To be Sorted and received.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R : FFREEMAN.
THO : WAVELL.
NAT : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}. WILL : FRASER.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Conimeer dated the 3^{d} Ins^{t} giving an acc^{t} of the troubles in those parts, & proposing the building a ffortification. 5.

Generall from Conimeer.

Rec^{d} a Letter from Messrs Daniell Chardin & Salvadore Rodrigues dated att Korpa the 23th past advising to have rec^{d} our Letter, & would keep the R^{t} Hon^{le} Comp^{as} mony Sent with them, in their hands, till further order.

Genll from Messrs Chardin & Salvadore.

Paid Mr Robert Freeman Pag^{o} 10827 : 27 for acc^{t} of the Metchlep^{a} Merch^{ts} so much being due to them for goods delivered att Metchlepatam on the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} accompt.. 5.

Metchlepa Merchants mony paid Mr Freeman.

The Merchants were Tasherift as order'd last Consultation day, also the Chief & Second Cattamaran men, the former with 2$\frac{1}{2}$ yards ordinary red broad cloth, the latter with 2 yards, they having been very Servicable att all times, especially when the Muckwaes run away, & old Chubdar haveing been a long time in the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Service, was also Tasherift with 2 yards of the Same cloth as usuall.

Joint Stock Merchants &ca Tasherift.

French news enformes us that the Moors att Surat are very Severe against all Christians, that they had confin'd the English, that were left there, & that the English Ships had blockt up Surat river.

French news from Surat.

Generalls to Coodaloor and Conimeer, dated this day approved & Signed containing directions, about their managing the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} affairs in those ffactories. 6.

Genlls to Coodaloor & Conimeer.

This evening the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Chief Merchant, acquainted the President, that one of the Mogulls lifeguard, Sent down into these parts, to receive his Rents, desired to wait upon him tomorrow, but doubting he might bee too prying & inquisitive of the Garrison, excused his coming then, as being Sunday, & desired itt 7.

One of the Mogulls rent gatherers desires to vissit the President.

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Some of the Councill sent for. *The occation of his coming.* *Desires a Guard as farr as Kisna river.* *Consideration thereupon.* *The answer return'd him.*

may bee att Nine this night, (Mr Gray, Mr Littleton, & Mr Wavell, being Sent for & present att his coming) when after a long discourse of the Court & Government, he declared the occation of his coming was, that he had rec^d about a Lack of Rup^s& Pag^o 6000 for the Mogulls acc^t & had left itt att Pullimelee, but in regard Sevagees flying Army was forraging those parts, & robbing & plundering, desired our assistance, to Supply him with 300 horse, 500 Souldiers & 500 Peons, to guard itt as farr as Kisna River, wch he prest hard, & that 'twould bee most acceptable to the King to Serve him in this danger, But the Governour considering the unreasonableness & dangerous consequence of undertaking Such a charge or intermedling with things of that nature, return'd him for answer, that wee should bee alwayes ready to Serve the Mogull to our power, but that hee well knew Sevagees forces, & that he had lately taken three Forts and a hundred Towns, very near us, & done many other mischiefs in the Country & that this place was also threatned by him, & was within Twenty four howers of us, therefore could not Spare our forces from our Guards, besides that three or four hundred horse would signifie little, to Sevagees three or four thousand in the field, thô wee fear'd not ten times So many here, but there 'twould run the Kings money & our people into great danger, therefore desired him to consider well of itt, whereupon he desired permission, to bring itt into Town, but hearing of our Warr in Bengall requested that the President would give him his word and hand, that hee and his Treasure should bee Safe, & have liberty to carry itt away, when he thought convenient, which being agreed to by all, he was told by the President, that the Town was free to all persons, & that no prejudice should bee done to him by the English, but that they should fair as wee did & that he might choose what place he pleased to reside in, desiring him to Send no more people then necessary, & those to be Sober and civill, whereupon he was dismist, with Rosewater & Beetle & Seem'd pleased with the discourse and entertainment.

He desires permission to bring his treasure into Town. *Agreed to by all.* *Dismist seemingly pleased.*

8\. *Generall from Conimeer.*

Rec^d a Generall from Conimeer dated the 5th Instant giving an acc^t of a Ship passing by there with french Coulors, & came to an Anchor in Pullicherry road, putting out & riding with English Coulors there, they heard she came from Siam, & had a great quantity of goods aboard her, & that there passed by afterwards a Sloop which put out no Coulors, they Suppose her bound likewise for Pullicherry, and would enquire concerning her.

9\. *Letter from the Governr of Trincombar: Sends a List of what delivered for use of the Madras ffrigat. The amt to be pd Mr Afflœck.*

Rec^d a Letter from the Governour of Trincombar to the President dated 3^d Ins^t inclosing the following List of what deliver'd for use of the R^t Honble $Comp^{as}$ Ship Madras ffrigatt amounting to Dollars 440, which he desired may be paid to Mr John Afflœck.

Coppy of the List from Trincombar.

For the English East India Honble $Comp^a$ their acc^t rec^d in Trincombar from Honble East India Danes Company.

1 Main Mast	R.$.	300 :–
1 Main yard	,,	90 :–
1 Main Topsail yard	,,	20 :–
George Mathies for 2 months pay serving for a shipwright a month 12 R.$. ...	,,	24 :–
George Emholt, for one months pay Serving for a Cooper, but now is out of the Honble Danes East India $Comp^{as}$ Service, debted for a month ...	,,	[illegible] :–
CLAŨS VOOGT.		R.$. 440 :–

Fort Dansborg,
27th Decr 1687.

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This forewritten wee confess to have recd from the Honble Danes East India Compa & that upon our Honble English East India Compas acct which we Attest with our hands, Actum ut-Supra.

Mr. Milton &ca own the receipt.

RICHARD MILTON.
JOHN WALLIS.
SAMUELL SWYNOKE.

ATT A CONSULTATION MUNDAY 9.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Cash Acct for December.

The President read his Cash Book for the month of Decembr which was past in Councill, the ballance examined being, ... P 44894 : 05 : 5 :

Mint Acct for December.

The Mintmaster Mr Thomas Wavell read his accts of the Mint for Mintage duties of particular persons Gold coyned in the month of December Pago 20620 att $\frac{1}{2}$ p̃ Cent ... ... Pago : 103 : 03 : 50 :

P 1000 to be paid Mr Higginson.

Order'd that Pago 1000 be paid Mr Nathaniell Higginson Paymaster Generall to defray the Charges of Garrison &ca.

Concerning the unreasonableness of the acct from Trincombar.

Having received an accompt from Trincombar of what Mr Milton &ca received there from the Danes Governour, for use of the Rt Honble Compas Ship Madras ffrigat, (as enter'd next before this Consultation) wch appearing to be very unkind & unreasonable, as charging of $300 for a Main Mast of a Ship under 100 Tonns & 90 for her Main yard, notwithstanding the many civillities, & kind usage they and their Ships have often recd att this Port, however in consideration that our people have allowed their accompt, & drawn a Bill upon us for it's amount being Dollars 440 payable to the order of Christian Pauk Comidant, which amounts to Pago 240 Itt is order'd to bee paid to Mr John Afflœck, hee having his order to receive itt

Order'd to be paid to Mr Afflœck.

Letter to Pettepollee Merchants.

A Letter from the President to the Pettepollee Merchants to come & make up accompts, bring their Bill, & receive what mony due to them.

Romalls to be paid for.

The Acct of Romalls bought last Consultation day, being made up amounting to Pago 221 for Seventeen Corge att Pago Thirteen ꝑ Corge, Itt is order'd to bee paid.

Answer given Capt Weltdon upon his demand of demorage.

Capt Weltden demanding his Demorage &ca for his Mergen voyage, 'twas answer'd him, that wee could not make up that acct till wee had his Journall thereof, and examined itt with his Commission, and Instructions, to know how farr he had discharged his duty therein, and that Some other complaints must bee enquired into, before wee could conclude his accompts.

Enquired of why he brought not Mr Whites Ship hither.

His answer thereto.

Concerning goods he brought.

Some Tea & China Cupps Consigned to Mr Jearsey.

Hee was also enquired of about Mr Whites Ship, and the reason of his not bringing her with him, to which he answered, that Mr White's business had detain'd him some time att Palliacat, but that he doubted not his coming according to his promise in his Generall to the President &ca as also in Severall Letters to many others, 'twas also demanded whose and what those goods were, that he traverst from his to Mr Lucas Ship, in the Road, who answer'd that they were 28 Canisters of Tea, and 3 Chests of China Cupps, he recd att Madapollam, from Mr White's Ship and were consigned to Mr William Jearsey, and offerr'd his Oath that he knew of no more, either of the King of Siams, his Subjects or Mr White[s] aboard him.

ELIHU YALE R : FREEMAN
JOHN GRAY THO : WAVELL
J. BIGGS NAT : HIGGINSON
JOHN LITTLETON WILL : FRASER

JOHN STABLES Secry.

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Generall from Conimeer.

Rec[d] a Generall from Conimeer dated the 6th Instant advising that the Ship riding in Pullicherry road with English Coulors, had Sixty black and ten white men aboard her, which is all the acc[t] the Cattamaran men, can give of her, they not Suffring them to talk a word with them, & from others they can as yet learn nothing, that about 12 a clock att night, the 5th Instant, they having rec[d] some Hoggs & Rice aboard Ship, weighed Anchor and Sett Sail, and cannot learn where she is gone, or what her design is, and of the Sloop that passed by, they have no acc[t] of her, but that she rides in Pullicherry road, & suppose her to be a forerunner of the Siam ffleet, They advise that the 6th Instant came a Maldar from Bolloje, with orders to put his Duroy upon their building, but not bringing a Letter along with him, they only lookt upon him to bee a Spie, & told him, when they rec[d] a Letter from his Master, they knew what they had to do, and then he Should have their answer, with which the fellow was Satisfied.

10. A ffrench Ship passed by.

A Ship passed by this Road with ffrench Coulors, Supposed bound to Pullicherry from Tenasseree.

Letter from Madapollam Dubash.

Rec[d] a Letter from the Madapollam Dubash & Braminee desiring mony for their expences, to pay their wages, and repair the ffactory.

Braminees wives come to Town.

Last night came to Town Madana Anta Pontolo, Sangana & Narrapa's wives, & families from Conjeveron, with their necessaries, who Say that Sevagees fflying Army was plundering thereabouts, & that their husbands were coming to Trevicane or hither, to Secure themselves & their estates.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRÃO

Present

TUESDAY 11.

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY S[R] JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Genll to Messrs Chardin & Salvadore.

A Generall to Messrs Daniell Chardin & Salvadore Rodrigues att Gulcondah, giving them directions about our affairs with the Mogull, dated this day read and past.

Concerning Mr Whites going from Palliacat. Probably gone to Pullicherry. Suspition of having Siam goods aboard. Curtana to be dispatched to Pullicherry. Mr Fraser to be join'd in Commission with Capt Weltden. Letter to be write to Mons Martin. Instructions to be given to Mr Fraser To avoid giving offence to the French.

Having notice that notwithstanding M[r] Samuell White's Severall Letters, & promises of coming hither, he departed from Palliacatt, Some dayes past, & being not yet arrived here, must be gone to the Southward, & most probably to the French att Pollicherry, having formerly had a very intimate correspondance, with them, & wee lately receiving news from Conimeer, that a Ship with English Coulors was arrived there, conclude itt him, & gives us occation, to doubt that the Ship or lading may belong to the King of Siam or his Subjects, 'Tis therefore order'd that the Curtana bee immediatly dispatcht to Pollicherry, and that M[r] William Fraser, he being willing thereto, bee joyn'd in Commission wth Cap[t] Weltden to Seiz the Ship M[r] White commands, & bring her hither to bee examined by the Court of Admiralty, to know to whom she & her goods really belongs, & adjudge her accordingly, also that the Governour do write a Letter to Mons[r] Martin, Directore Generall att Pullicherry, & State the case to him, & desire his assistance therein and that Instructions bee given to M[r] Fraser, for the discreet managery of this affair, that they avoid giving the ffrench any offence within their Road, & to bee very cautious of blood shed.

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Capt Weltden's dispatch to the Southward, Commission to Mr William Fraser & Capt Anthony Weltden, Instructions to Mr Fraser, & a Letter from the President to Monr Martin Directore Generall att Pollicherry all dated this day read and past.

Dispatch, Commission Instructions and Letter.

Mr Freeman having two Small Copper ffield Peeces, very propper for our Gates, & having occation for them, these troublesome times, they are order'd to bee bought, att fans Six ₰ pound, that being the lowest price, which wee esteem very cheap, their Carriages Shod with Iron given into the bargain.

Two small Copper ffield peeces bought of Mr Freeman.

A parcell of Packing Stuff bought of Nalla Vencatadry amounting to Pago 134 . 22. Itt is order'd to bee paid.

Packing Stuff to bee paid for.

Elihu Yale.
John Gray.
J. Biggs.
John Littleton.
R : Freeman.
Tho : Wavell.
Nat: Higginson.
Will: Fraser.

John Stables Secry.

To

Mr William Fraser
& Capt Anthony Weltden.

Having late advices from Mr John Willcox Chief &ca Councill att Conimeer, that a Ship passed by their road with French Coulors, But coming to an Anchor in Pollicherry road, she hoisted an English Auntient, & they had news, that she came full laden from Siam, but in all probabillity itt must bee Mr Samuell White upon his ship Resolution, who was lately att Palliacat, & promised by Severall Letters to come to this Port, But hearing that he is some dayes Sailed thence, wee doubt he intends itt not, but that hee is gone, to Some other Port to shelter himself from Justice, these are therefore, by virtue of his Sacred Majesty the King of Englands Commission & Proclamation, as also by yours & your Owners Charterparty to the Rt Honble Compa to order you to pursue the Said Ship along the Coast, So farr as Portonovo, she sailing & trading without our Pass or Licence, contrary to his Majties Royall Charter & Proclamation, & the Rt Honble Compas orders and that you Seiz & bring her to this Port, to be examined before his Majesties Court of Admiralty, whether she or her goods do not belong to the King of Siam, or his Subjects our declared enemies, the Same Orders wee give you concerning any other Ship, you shall find without an English Pass, & shall Suspect her to belong to the Enemy, or to have any of their goods aboard them, or English men in their Service, that you bring them hither, obliging the Ship first to pay all wages due to them, So requiring your dilligent & impartiall observance of this our Commission, we date these in Fort St George the Eleventh day of Janry 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

Commission to Mr Fraser and Capt Weltden.

Elihu Yale.
John Gray.
John Biggs.
John Littleton.
Robert Freeman.
Thomas Wavell.
Nath Higginson.

Recd a Generall from Mr Nicks &ca att Portonovo, dated the 7th Inst desiring a Ship to take in their goods, to Secure them from the troubles in the Country, & Send us Coppy of their Consultations & Diary, for the month of December. 12.

Generall from Portonovo.

Recd a Letter from Capt Spencer to the President dated att Trincombar the 31th past, advising that they intended to Sail for Portonovo the 2d Inst & that he

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had Sold all the Cordage, he carried with him to Capt Strangways att Pago 4 ℔ hundred, the whole weighing Eleven hundred gross.

12. Advice of Mr Whites sailing from Pullicherry. ffrench news from Bengall.

The ffrench Padre came & advised the President that he had just now received advices from Pullicherry that Mr Samuell White in his Ship Resolution Sailed thence for England, the 6th Inst and that the ffrench had recd advices from Bengall, wherin they say that the English were fitting two Ships for England, & that they had lost many men, & were in a very weak condition.

Mr Lucas his advice from Mr. White.

Mr Lucas having recd a Letter from Mr Samuell White, gives the President the following acct in writing.

Honble Sr,

I just now recd the following Short advice from Mr Samuell White dated in Pudicherry the 5th January 168⅞ Vizt. Yesterday morning I arrived here, & have here received all the Gentile & generous wellcome, that my best wishes could expect, my present leisure cannot permitt me to descend to particulars, having resolved to Sail this night, & will not now touch att Trangambar as before I intended, having mett with Such Supplies here, as I could expect there.

The Directore Generall adviseth mee that he Sailed thence the 6th Currt in the morning, and I am really of opinion he is gone directly for England, thô he mentions not a Sillable thereof to mee.

Your honrs obedient Servant,

THOMAS LUCAS.

THURSDAY 12.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

MR JOHN GRAY SR JOHN BIGGS

MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN

MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON

MR

Ma[dapollam] Merchants demand their debt from the Rt Honoble Compa. Mădapollam Merchants to be paid. Concerning the Intrest to what time allowed.

The Madapollam Merchants being come to Town, and demanding their debt from the Rt Honble Compa due to them upon a bill given by Mr Samuell Wales Chief &ca Councill att Madapollam, for goods recd there from them, for the Rt Honble Compas acct Itt is order'd to be paid them, only allowing Interest to the 14th of October last, our mony being then ready to have paid them, but they urged that by contract, itt ought to have been paid them att Madapollam, where their goods was provided & delivered, & that besides the long time they had occation for & have been out of their mony, they have been put to the great trouble & charge of coming hither to receive itt, & that the danger of travelling would make their return very hazardous, which they desired wee would consider of, & allow them Something for, as also the full Interest of the Rt Honble Compas debt, to the time of payment, which they must duely pay, att a much higher rate, to the persons they owe itt to, but by much perswasion, & promise of Tasherifs, when they departed as also of our future encouragment & trade with them, they were prevail'd with to abate near 4 months Intrest upon their Bill of Pago 12995 : 05 : 2.

Other debts att Madapollam to be paid. Mony to be sent to the Braminee.

'Tis also order'd that our Severall other Debts att Madapollam be discharged, according to the accts in their Books, and that Some mony be sent thether, to our Braminee to pay off the Peons &ca that have lookt after, and guarded that ffactory.

Mr White being gone from Pullicherry. Mr. Fraser not to proceed

Receiving news from Conimeer, Pollicherry & others that Mr Samll White was gone from Pollicherry, and was design'd directly for England or Bombay, 'tis therefore order'd that Mr Fraser do not proceed up on his intended voyage, there being now no occation for itt, But that the Ship &

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Capt Weltden do Sail directly for Coodaloor, to bring away their goods, which they in their last Generall, write us are in great danger of the Government, besides the great occation wee shall have for them, to lade on the Royall James for Engla[nd, the] Capt is therefore order'd that he hasten his return what possibly he can. on his intended voyage. Capt Weltden to sail directly for Coodaloor. to hasten his return.

A Generall to Coodaloor, & a Letter from the President to Capt Spencer ordering him to bee expeditious in the repairs of the Ship & frugall in his expences both dated this day read and past. Genll to Coodaloor & Letter to Capt Spencer.

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JOHN STABLES Secry.

Letters last night advise that Sevagees forces had plunder'd Conjeveron kill'd about 500 men, destroying the Town, & put the Inhabitants to the flight, dispersing themselves about the Country, & many of them run hither, & about twelve this day came a Letter from Changalaput, advising the Governour, that they had certain news, from the Maretta Camp, that they had drawn out a party of about 2000 horse and 5000 foot under the command of a Generall, to assault this place, giving them encouragment, that the plunder should bee their own, upon wch advice, the Governr &ca order'd that the Portugues & Gentues should bee Summon'd to their Armes, One man from each family that had two therein, & two from each family that had Six therein, from 15 to 60 years of age, Coppy of Said Summons is as followeth. 13. Sevagees taking Conjeveron. A party drawn out to assault this place. Portugues and Gentues to bee summon'd. to their Armes.

By order of the Governour & Councill these are to give notice & Summons all persons whatsoever, Inhabitants of or dwellers in this Citty of Madras, to Send one man in Armes, from each house or family that have two men therein, betwixt the ages of ffifteen, and Sixty years, & all families that have Six men to Send out two with Armes, the Portugues to meet before their Church, & the Gentues att the Town Choultry, by four of the Clock tomorrow evening being the 14th Instant, where they shall bee commanded & disposed to Such Guards & Watches, as shall bee judged most necessary, the default of any person herein, to bee punished or fined, att the pleasure of the Governour, & Councill, Dated in Fort St George the Thirteenth day of January One Thousand Six hundred Eighty & Seven/Eight. Coppy of the Summons to the Portugues & Gentues.

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JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
ROBERT FREEMAN.
THOMAS WAVELL.
NATH. HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.

The Curtana Frigat Capt Anthony Weltden Commander Sailed hence for Coodaloor & Portnovo, and on her Mr Ralph Ingram Sent to his former station att Coodaloor. 13. Curtana Sailed for Coodaloor.

A ffrench Ship called the President from Mergen coming near into this Road, the Governr Sent off the French Padre, to wellcome them into the Port, & to learn the news of our affairs from Mergen & Siam, intending if any person of quallity was on board, to Send off Some of the Council to compliment & invite 14. A ffrench Ship from Mergen come near the Road. A ffrench Padre sent aboard.

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ffrench Embassador aboard. Excuses his not coming ashoar. He sends the Chevalier Forbin. The news from Siam.

them ashoar, but Some of the Boatmen acquainting the Embassador on board her, that one of their Ships lately passed by, whereupon he return'd the Padre, with his excuses for not coming ashoar, his business att Pullicherry requiring hast, but that hee had sent the Chevalier ffourbean, to acquaint us the news of those parts, wch was, That the King of Siam had delivered over the Forts of Banckoak on both Sides the River into the ffrench posession, as also the Block houses att Mergen, with orders to build a Fort there, for which p[urpose] had sent a ffrench Raja [*sic*] & Engineer, but gives us no acc^t of the late Massacre there, more then that itt was beleived, itt proceeded from the rebellion & mutiny of the people, the King of Siam's Governours there, being sent for up in Irons to him, also that Mr Hodges & Mr Hill were arrived att Siam, & Lodgins appointed them, next the ffrench Embassadors there, & was under no confinement, that Capt Perriman had fitted his Ship & only waited orders from Mr Hodges & Mr Hill for his return hither, That the Siamers had sent two men of warr to Pegu, in pursuit of the Trevitore, & some other private Ships gone thether, 'Tis reported they are man'd with 80 Christians, Dutch, French & Mistees Portugues, besides Natives & that they are fitting out two more Ships thence, upon Some other design, that there were only three men saved from the Massacre att Mergen, Viz^t Mr Threader, Mr Morgan, and Capt Cropley, with all the women & children, That the ffrench King had Loaded Monsr Phaulkon with great honours Viz^t A Count of ffrance, & Chevalier of the orders of St Michael & St Peter, & Sent for one of his children to bee bred up in ffrance.

Mr Hodges & Mr Hill at Siam. Two Siam men of warr sent to Pegu. Who saved in the Massacre att Mergen. ffrench honours conferr'd on Constant Phaulkon.

14. *Letter from Capt Perriman.*

Rec^d a Letter from Capt James Perriman Commander of the Pearl ffrigat dated att Mergen the 24th last month, giving an acc^t of his arrivall there & of Mr Hodges & Mr Hills going up to Siam, & of his being in a readiness to return, So Soon as he had orders from them.

Portugues muster'd.

Muster'd the Portugues & quarter'd them to their Severall Posts.

An Allarm made by the Governours order.

This night the Governour order'd an Allarm to bee made, to begin in the out Guards, by great Guns, to try the readiness & care of our people, there being notice of Sevagee's being within ten miles of us.

15. *Royall James from Conimeer. Generall &ca from thence.*

The Royall James Capt Richard Cook Commander arrived from Conimeer, and brought a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 12th of October last, with Bill of lading for what Shipt on board her there, their larger advices & Invoyce coming overland.

Ship Pearle from Conimeer.

The Pearle William Harrison Master arrived from Conimeer with a Lading of Chenam and Billet wood.

MUNDAY 16.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

MR JOHN GRAY	S^R JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH. HIGGINSON

MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Royall James to be unladen and surveyed.

In consideration that there is no Ship as yet arrived from Bengall, & the Season growing late, Itt is order'd that the Royall James bee forthwith unladen & Surveyed, & the report thereof given to the Councill, that they may know her condition, & in what time she can bee fitted for her voyage to England, that Mr Wavell bee accordingly Sent aboard to muster the men, & take with him the Severall Masters & Carpenters in Town, Strictly to Survey her.

A process to be drawn against the Pirats.

The Judge Advocate was advised to draw a Process against the Pirat prisoners, that formerly belonged to Ship Royall James, more evidences against them, being now arrived in Said Ship.

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The Storekeeper is order'd to receive the Grain from aboard the Royall James, into the Companies Godown, & Secure itt safe & well, for our Supply in case of necessity, these dangerous times, & whereas Mr Thoms Constable was att the lading the Said Grain, Itt is order'd that he go aboard, and See the measuring & delivery of itt to the Boats.

Storekeeper to take charge of the grain by the Royall James. Thomas Constable to go aboard to se[e] itt measur'd & deliver'd.

A Letter from the Governour to the Directore Generall att Pullicherry read & past, congratulating the ffrench Embassadors arrivall thether from Siam.

Letter to Pullicherry.

Capt Cook advising us that most of his Coodaloor goods are damaged by the late Storm, Itt is order'd that when itt is ashoar, that Mr Littleton Warehouskeeper do open & examine every Bale, & what he finds damaged to bee sent to the Washers to bee recured.

Damaged goods in the Royall James to be sent to the Washers

Order'd that the Pearle from Conimeer bee unladen, and that Mr Higginson takes charge of the Chenam, & the Steward of the Billet wood.

Pearle to be unladen.

The Portugues Train'd band Souldiers being muster'd according to order, but wanting Armes, the Storekeeper is order'd to deliver them, what Firelocks they want, taking a receipt of each for the Same.

Armes to be delivered the Portugues Train'd Bands.

The Bookkeeper having made up Mr Constable's acct of Grain bought att Trimlevas, and laden on the Royall James for acct of the Rt Honble Compa the ballance amounting to Pago 24: 11 Itt is order'd to be paid him.

Ballance Mr Constable's acct of Grain to be paid.

The Rack of the Hull of the Loyall Adventure (having no occation for the Masts & Riggin) is order'd to bee vallued by indifferent persons, & taken upon the Rt Honble Compas acct to Supply our Severall occations for itt, also the Iron-Bolts & four small Guns, (Saved in Said Rack) for use of this Garrison, and the produce to bee carried to the Owners Credit.

Rack of the Hull of the Loyall Adventure to be bought. And the Iron bolts & four small Guns.

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JOHN STABLES Secry.

Recd a Letter from Rohaloo Cawn the new Nabob, with his Dustick for the Safe passage of our people to Gulcondah, also a Letter from Ettabar Cawn att Gulcondah, both containing promises of their friendship, in accommodating our differences with the Mogull and procuring his Phirmaund, advising us to Send Some person up to them, to negotiate our business, Recd also a Letter from our Vakeel Coje Abanus, giving a full acct how our affairs Stood with the Mogull.

16. Letter from Rohaloo Cawn. Letter from Ettabar Cawn. Letter from our Vakeel.

This day wee had the following acct of the alteration of Governors vizt That Nabob Shastee Cawn, was Sent for from Bengall, to be Governr of this Country, that Shaw Allum was under confinement, Sultan Tarra was gone with four Generalls against Sevagee, Rohaloo Cawn was made Nabob in the place of Nabob Mahobat Cawn, Cassa Cawn Sobidar of this Country, & the Peons that came from Gulcondah report, that in their way hither, they Saw Timmana Naigue with 5000 horse & 10000 foot going to Chingee against Sevagee.

Alteration of Governrs. Mogulls forces going against Sevagee.

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Present

TUESDAY 17.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY S^R JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Consideration upon Nabob Roholoo Cawn's letter.

Receiving a kind Letter from the new Nabob Raholoo [*sic*] Cawn wherin he assures us of his faithfull assistance, in the well composing our differences with the Mogull, & procuring his full & Gener^ll Phirmaund, according to our desires advising us to Send Some English up to Court, to congratulate the King in his new conquests & to mannage this affair for which he Sent his passport for our peoples Safety in their Journey, and reception there, Another Letter also of the Same import, from Ettabar Cawn, an eminent person of that Court, our Vakeel writing us, the full State of our affairs, which appear very hopefull & auspicious, But being in daily expectation, of news from the Bay and Surat, 'tis agreed that wee await Some longer time for them before wee act, or resolve further herein, that we may not interfeer with their designes & circumstances, but from their Severall advices, conclude what shall be most Safe, honourable & advantagious.

Also upon the Vakeels.

To await for news from Bengall and Surat.

Concerning the ffrench Ship.

ffrench Embassador excuses his not coming ashoar.

Sends Chevalier Forbin.

To be civilly entertain'd.

A ffrench Ship coming into the Road but not to an Anchor, the Governour Sent one of the ffrench Padre's aboard to enquire whence she was, & what her news, who acquainted us that she came from Tenasseree and had aboard her the ffrench Embassador, to the King of Siam, who Sent his respects to the Governour, & would have given us a vissit, but that he had news, of his Ship's arrivall from Siam, and her readiness to Sail for ffrance, also sending the Chevalier fforbin, to excuse his not comeing ashoar, who 'tis thought convenient, to entertain with the civillities of the Garrison, to express our respects to the French King & his Embassador &c^a and repay their Courtecies.

Generall to Surat.

A Generall Letter to Surat read & past, advising all occurrances, and our proceedings with the Mogull, att Gulcondah to this time.

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JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

18.

Ship Delight Sailed.

Ship Delight Sailed for the Southward & on her the Chevalier ffourbien took his passage for Pullichery, & Mr Devett for Conimeer.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 19.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^R. JOHN GRAY S^R. JOHN BIGGS
M^R. JOHN LITTLETON M^R.
M^R. THOMAS WAVELL M^R. NATH. HIGGINSON
M WILLIAM FRASER.

Concerning Mr Davis going home.

Mr John Davis desiring an answer to his paper delivered the 9th Ins^t concerning his going for England, the Warehouskeeper &c^a was order'd to hasten their

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examination of the Coodaloor Cloth bought and Sorted by him &c^a there, & that the wrong and injury done the R^t Honble Comp^a therein, bee tried & determined by the Court of Admiralty, & that Satisfaction be made accordingly, Also that Mr Davis do first clear the President, & Councills award against him, upon Mr Cawley's charge, before his departure.

Warehouskeeper &ca to hasten res rting Coodaloor Cloth. The damages to be tried and determined in the Admiralty. To clear Mr Cawleys charge.

Capt Cook was Sent for, to discourse him, about the damaged Cloth & Paddy in the Royall James, also to treat with him, about the Sale of Capt^ne John Wetwangs round Pepper, but being aboard, the Secretary was order'd to give him notice thereof, & to give his attendance here on Munday next.

Capt Cook to be discourst about the damaged Cloth and Paddy.

The generall Sessions to be held on Friday the 27th Ins^t and that a Grand Jury bee Summon'd to enquire into & present to the Court, all crimes and misdemeanors that has happened within the Garrison & Citty to this time.

Generall Sessions to be held.

Order'd that the Paymaster do pay Capt Harrison Pag^o 100 for his voyage & freight to Conimeer & back, having duly accomplisht the Same according to agreement.

P 100 to be paid Mr Harrison.

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JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

19. Generall from Conimeer.

Rec^d a Generall Letter from Conimeer dated the 17th Instant, incloseing Translate of one from Sounde Bolloje, wherein he orders them to take down their great Guns, lately mounted upon their Gates which if they refused to do, that they must expect great troubles to ensue, and they desire our assistance and answer thereto.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRÃO.

Present

SATTERDAY 21.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY S^R JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

A Generall Letter to the R^t Honble Comp^a dated this day read & past, to be Sent ℘ ffrench conveyance & contains our advises of their Hon^rs affairs in these parts, Bengall & Surat, and 'tis order'd that Said Letter be Sent to Pullicherry by a Cattamaran, that being a quicker conveyance then overland, the Ship bound thence for ffrance, being upon departure.

Genll to the Rt Honble Compa.

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JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

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Generall from Portonovo. Letter from Mr Hall.

Recd a Generall Letter from Mr Nicks &ca att Portonovo, dated 16th Inst advising the arrivall of the Curtana ffrigat, that they have 500 Bales ready, which are more then She can take in, that Mr Ingram had taken his former Station, & Mr Hall in Said Generall, and in a Letter from himself, desires to know how he is to bee disposed of, & that they had sent us a Muster of Camezes No 2 having no No 1.

22. Letter from Gopall Pundit and Vittula Pille.

Recd a Letter from Gopall Pundit and another from Vittulapillee att Conjeveron, advising that they hear Severall of the Governours &ca of those parts, their enemies, with great treasure, are fled into this Town, to Secure themselves and their estates, and threaten us if wee protect them.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 23

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY — SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON — MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVALL — MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Orders to be put up in the new Guard Lodg.

Orders and Rules for the Sober and civill deportment of all Souldiers that appointed on their ffree guards to lye a nights in the new guard lodg, before the ffort, read and past as enter'd in the Coppy book of Letters recd and order'd to bee hung up in the Said Room, and duly observed by them, or the penalties inflicted.

Letters to Gopall Pundit and Vittula Pillee.

Letters from the President to Gopall Pundit and Vittula pille, att Conjeveron, in answer to theirs recd yesterday read and past, being to Satisfie their pretended Scruple, & to preserve a friendly correspondance betwixt us, so as not to disoblige them or the Mogull.

Some damaged Paddy to bee disposed of. The remainder to be put up for Stores.

Some of the Paddy by the Royall James proving damaged by the late Storm, that itt will not keep for Stores, Itt is therefore order'd that what hath been wet with Salt water, be Sold in the Buzar, & deliver'd to the Souldiers, Peons & Cooleys each month on their Musshire & pay, att the Buzar rate, & the remainder put up for Stores for the Garrison, Grain being likely to bee Scarce this year also, by the troublesome company, and foraging of the Mogulls and Sevagees armys, both sides rakeing what they can into their posession.

Capt Cook discourst about his Round Pepper. Desired till next Consultation to enquire the price. Satisfaction demanded for the damaged Cloth & Paddy Occation'd by the Storm. To Produce his Protest and Journall.

There being a parcell of Round Pepper aboard the Royall James in the disposall of Capt Cook, he was sent for & discourst about itt, but hee desired till next Consultation to enquire the markett price, and then would treat with us about itt, & give the Rt Honble Compa the offer thereof, before any others, wee also demanded satisfaction for the damage upon the Cloth & Paddy aboard his Ship, to which hee answer'd; that itt was not occation'd by any defect in his Ship, or neglect of his people, but the unavoidable violence of the October Storm, when he made a Legall Protest against the Sea, & had given the Chief &ca att Coodaloor due notice thereof, he was therefore order'd to produce the said Protest, as also his Journall, which he promised to bring next Consultation day.

Mr Pitt dismist his place in the Customs house.

Mr John Pitt having misbehaved himself in his Office of receiver of the Custome house, in taking more Fees then were allowed or appointed by us, which thô he alledges to bee the error of his ignorance, & not design, yet being a fault much complain'd of by our Merchts & a discouragment to them, & the trade of the place, 'tis order'd that all Such irregular ffees, be returned by him, & he dismist

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his place in the Custome house, & that notice bee given to the rest of the Officers there, to be just & exact in their duties, according to our establisht Rules.

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JOHN STABLES Secry.

25. Beaufort from Bengall. Packett from Bengall.

Ship Beaufort Capt John Nicholson Commander arrived from Bengall & brought a Packett from thence, containing as follows, Generll from the Bay to England, dated 31st Decr 1687. Genll from the Bay to the Fort dated pmo Inst Register of the Court of Admiralty, Invoyce ℘ Beaufort to the ffort, List of Ships Stores to bee provided, Rect from the Court of Admiralty Capt Nicholsons rect of his Ships company Capt Consets rect for ditto, Dto his receipt for Commission for his Purser, List of private goods, Capt Thoms Battens acknowledgment, List of the Packett, List of Genll book &ca for London, of said papers what relating to the Admiralty delivered to Sr John Biggs, & Capt Battens acknowledgmt to Mr Lucas itt belonging to him.

Papers deliver'd Sr John Biggs and Mr Lucas.

25. Letter from Mr John Beard with Bill of Lading.

Recd a Letter from Mr John Beard dated att Coxes the 5th Instant inclosing the Beauforts bill of Lading.

Bill of Lading from Vizagapatam.

The Beaufort in her way from Bengall touching att Vizagapatam brought from thence 94 Bales of Callicoes, as ℘ Bill of Lading inclosed in a blank cover, but no Generall Letter nor Invoyce.

THURSDAY 26. No Consultation.

The Councill did not meet this day, The Presidents only Son dying last night, was interred this morning, to their great grief & sorrow.

Letter from Pettepollee Bobba.

Recd a Letter from Bobba Sadaradeen att Pettepollee desiring the rent of his house wherin the Rt Honble Compas concernes are, may be paid to his brother, Mahomed Bakeer, being P 77 for 11 mths att P 7 ℘ month.

FRIDAY 27.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAŌ

Present

ELIHU YALE EsqR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

MR JOHN GRAY	SR JOHN BIGGS
CAPT JOHN NICHOLSON	MR JOHN LITTLETON
MR	MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR NATH. HIGGINSON	MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Capt Nicholson takes his place in Councill.

Capt Nicholson being arrived from Bengall, & formerly ordered fourth of this Councill, which thô not mention'd in our last Commission, yet not being any where forbidden, Itt is agreed that he continues his place in Councill, in consideration of his being well acquainted with the late mannagery of affairs in Bengall.

Bengall Generall read & considered. Storekeeper to provide stores & necessarys for Bengall.

The Bengall Generall Letter recd by the Beaufort, dated att Chutanuttee the ℘mo Instant, was read and Severall particulars therin consider'd but nothing att present resolved thereon, only that the Storekeeper do provide what Stores & necessaries are procureable of what they write for, and bee Sent them by the first oppertunity.

What to be unladen from the Beaufort.

The Warehouskeeper & Storekeeper are order'd to unlade with all expedition the Treasure, Lead, Armes, & Stores, consigned to us from the Bay upon the

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Beaufort & Royall James to be surveyed. Beaufort, (the Petre & other goods to bee continued aboard till further consideration,) and that all care bee taken thereof, for their dispose or preservation, Itt is also order'd that the Storekeeper & Paymaster, do tomorrow go aboard both the Beaufort & Royall James, with what Pilots Carpenters, & others necessary for that occation, Strictly to muster their men & Survey the Ships, & take particular notice thereof, giving us their report, & opinion, which Ship is most capable & ready to Sail for Europe, haveing Scarce goods enough to lade, and dispatch one of them in time, & that the other bee Sent to Acheen, and our Factorys on the West Coast to lade with Pepper for England.

Which Ship most fitting to be sent to England.

The other to Acheen & the West Coast.

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	J. BIGGS.	NAT : HIGGINSON.
	JOHN NICHOLSON.	WLIL : FRASER.
JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.	JOHN LITTLETON.	

28. Genlls to Coodaloor & Conimeer.

Gen^lls to Coodaloor & Conimeer dated this day read & past, concerning the R^t Honble Comp^as affairs in those ffactories and the great Guns att Conimeer.

A Peon from Suratt. Bengall Mercht att Callicut.

This morning came a Peon, which was sent from Surat, with Lr̄es in company of four more, who falling Sick by the way, the others came forward, but no news of them, he Says the Bengall Merchant was att Callicut lading Rice for this place,.

Another Peon from Surat. Peons & Letters Stopt about 90 miles off. A Braminee & Peons Sent for them.

and in the afternoon came one of Said Peons, who Saies the others with the Letters were Stopt by the Polligars about 90 miles off, & had been much wounded by the way, whereupon the President sent a Letter from the Chief Merchant, by a Braminee, & four Peons, with a Small Present, to redeem the Stopt Peons & Letters.

29. Trevicane from Acheen.

Ship Trevicane John Kiddell Master arrived from Acheen.

MUNDAY 30.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R	PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY	S^R JOHN BIGGS
CAP^T JOHN NICHOLSON	MR JOHN LITTLETON
MR ROBERT FREEMAN	MR THOMAS WAVELL
M^R	MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Generall to the Rt. Honble Compa.

A Generall Letter to the R^t Honble Comp^a dated the 25th Septem^r last, designed to bee Sent by the Loyall Adventure, but she being unfortunatly cast away, itt was now read & approved by the Council.

P 40 to be paid the Washers.

Order'd that Twenty Pag^o in Paddy and Twenty Pag^o in mony bee paid the Washermen on acc^t of washing & cureing the R^t Honble Comp^as Callicoes, & that the Warehouskeeper do hasten them therein.

Concerning the Survey of the Beaufort & the Royall James.

Mr Wavell Mr Higginson &c^a having given in their report of the Survey and muster of the Beaufort & Royall James, which is (as enter'd next after this Consultation) that both Ships are capable of their voyage to England, that the Beaufort muster'd 94 Europe men & boys, and the Royall James 67 but Capt Nicholson engaging to furnish the Ship, with what more Europeans he can provide with 50 Lascars more for the Service & defence of the Ship, and being in much greater readiness then the Royall James, having aboard him Quintaledg, many goods, with his provissions & water, assuring us that he shall bee fitt for his dispatch in ten dayes time, & doubts not to gain his passage for England, making his last voyage, thô

Beaufort in much greater readiness then the Royall James.

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he Sail'd hence the 17th of February, whereas the Royall James by their own computation, cannot bee in a readiness to Sail, under a months time att Soonest, which will bee too late to gain his passage, besides his being not So well Stored with provisions, Itt is therefore agreed and order'd that the Beaufort bee dispatcht directly for England, with all expedition, & that the Royall James do proceed to Acheen, if the Season will permit, and any freight can be procured thether, & thence to go to our ffactorys on the West Coast, to lade Pepper thence for England, but first that she go to Coodaloor, & take in the Madras ffrigats Cargo, which will bee more Secure aboard her, & that the Madras ffrigat do also go if she can bee repair'd in time, & get a freight, & to return from the West Coast, if they can Spare her, with a lading of Pepper and the news.

> Beaufort to be dispatcht directly for England.
> Royall James to Acheen & the West Coast. First to Coodaloor to take in the Madras ffrigats Cargo.
> Madras ffrigat to go to the West Coast & return.

Sancho Narso having Credit in the Madapollam Generall Books for mony lent them, the Bookkeeper was order'd to make up that acct (& the Bills being delivered into Councill), amounting to Pago 1081 : 12 : 0 Principall & Interest, to the 14th October last, Itt is order'd to bee paid.

> Sancho Narso to be paid.

Capt Cook being again Sent for to treat about the round Pepper aboard his Ship, when he acquainted us that he was offered Pago18 ℔ Candy, by Severalls, but would not sell itt under Pago 19 to which wee told him that he was obliged to Sell itt the Rt Honble Compa Something cheaper then to others, in consideration, that itt came from their ffactorys, and upon their Ship, & had undoubtedly lessened what should have been Sent them, wherupon wee offered him Pago 16 ℔ Candy to receive itt aboard, & after came to $16\frac{1}{2}$ but would not bee perswaded thereto, arguing that the Pepper was not his, and that he was obliged to do the best he could for the Owner, to whom he was accomptable, So he was desired to consider thereof, till tomorrow, & not to dispose itt, without first acquainting us thereof.

> Capt Cook treated with about his Round Pepper.
> Demands P 19 ℔ Candy.
> Obliged to Sell itt the Rt Honble Compa cheaper then others.
> P $16\frac{1}{2}$ ℔ Candy offered him.
> Obliged to sell itt att the highest price.
> He is to consider of itt till tomorrow.

Order'd that a Court Marshall bee Summon'd & held in the afternoon, att the ffort Hall, for the tryall of the Severall fugitives & Pirats &ca.

> Court Marshall to be Summon'd.

The Warehouskeeper again order'd to dispatch the resortment of the Coodaloor Bales, that Mr John Davis his charge thereon, may bee heard & decided, they are also to begin the lading of the Red-wood, Pepper Bales &ca tomorrow aboard the Beaufort.

> Warehouskeeper to dispatch resorting the Coodaloor Cloth.
> To begin to lade the Beaufort.

ELIHU YALE. R : FFREEMAN.
JOHN GRAY. THO : WAVELL.
J. BIGGS. NAT : HIGGINSON.
JOHN NICHOLSON. WILL : FRASER.
JOHN STABLES Secry. JOHN LITTLETON.

TO THE HONBLE ELIHU YALE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF
FORT ST GEORGE &CA COUNCILL.

In pursuance to your Honr & Councills orders wee the Subscribers went on the 27th Instant on board the Beaufort and Royall James, to Survey them, in which Survey to the best of our judgments, wee find them both capable, as to their Hulls to proceed for England, the former wee have viewed only her Gun deck, and find all things there sound and good, but being a full Ship, could not make any

> Report of the Survey of the Beaufort and Royall James.

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Survey in her hold, the latter we having Surveyed her Gun deck, as also her hold, from her main hatch way, to her Powder room, where wee find her bottom & other Timbers, to be firm & sound, but notwithstanding by sounding their Pumps, we find they both make above half an Inch water, in half an hower, The Beauforts men were muster'd & found to bee 94 boys & all, but the greatest part Sick & weak, the Royall James men muster'd 67 Europeans, very haile, Stout fellows, with twenty Lascar Slaves belonging to her.

THOMAS WAVELL.
NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.
CHARLES METCALFE.
SAMUELL PRICKMAN.
JOHN NAYLOR.
EDWARD GREENHILL.
ARMIGER GOSTLIN.

Fort St. George,
30th Janua^ry $168\frac{7}{8}$.

A Court Marshall held. Information against six of the Royal James men. All found guilty. Three to bee executed. Three to be burnt in the fforehead.

This afternoon a Court Marshall was held in the Fort Hall, when the Attorney Generall, gave in an information against Six of the Royall James men, for running away, from their Ship, and committing severall Piracies upon this Coast, which appearing by good evidences, besides their own confession, the Court Judged them all guilty, but considering their number, & that justice inclines to mercy, the Sentence was given accordingly, to make their ends more exemplary to others, Vizt That Allexander Hunter should be hang'd att the yard arm, aboard the Royall James, James Smith upon the common Gibbet, and Ralph Streaker to bee Shott to death, att the Fort Gate, the other three Vizt John Naisby, Nicholas Dorrill & George Read to bee burnt in the fforehead with Letter P & banished,

Robt Sunderland to run the Gantlope.

& whereas Robert Sunderland a Gunners Mate recd from Some of them, part of their Stoln Treasure, and concealed the Same, itt was order'd that he Should run the Gantlope and bee dismist his employment.

Letter from Pullicherry, they return Surat Packett. Packet to the Rt Honble Compa Sent ℘ ffrench Embossadore. ℘ MO

Recd: a Letter from Pullicherry dated $\frac{3\ \text{Inst}}{24\ \text{past}}$ advising that their Ship designed thence for Surat, was not arrived from Siam, so return our Packett Sent thether to go by that conveyance, but advise that their Peons will go in 8 or 10 dayes, And that our Packett to the Rt Honble Compa was delivered their Embassadore, who Sailed the 2d for Europe, and promise great care of its conveyance.

Generall to Surat.

A Generall to Surat dated this day approved and Signed to be Sent by French Pattamars, containing our advices of the Rt Honble Compas affairs in these parts.

2 Letter from Messrs. Chardin & Salvadore.

Recd a Letter from Messrs Chardin & Salvadore dated $\frac{1}{2}\frac{3}{3}$ past advising of their arrivall att Gulcondah, but had not then Spoaken with our Vakeel he being in the Camp.

Curtana from Coodaloor. Generall from thence.

Ship Curtana Capt Anthony Weltden Commander arrived from Coodaloor and Portonovo, & brought a Generall from thence dated the 24th past, inclosing Bill of Lading for 339 Bales of Callicoes, & 39 Baggs of Indico Shipt on board her att those Factorys.

Generall from Coodaloor.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 28th past, with Invoyce of the prementioned goods by the Curtana.

[2D.]

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THURSDAY 2.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M[R] JOHN GRAY S[R] JOHN BIGGS
CAP[T] M[R]
M[R] ROBERT FREEMAN M[R] THOMAS WAVELL
M[R] NATH. HIGGINSON M[R] WILLIAM FRASER

The President read his Cash Book for the month of Janu[ry] which was examined & past in Councill the ballance being ... ... P. 11538 : 02. *Cash acct for January.*

The Curtana arriving this morning from Coodaloor & Portonovo, with 339 bales of Callicoes, and 89 Baggs of Indico Itt is order'd that they be travers'd aboard the Beaufort for England. *Curtana's goods to be traverst to the Beanfort for England.*

Order'd that Pag[o] 1000 bee paid M[r] Natha. Higginson Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison, &c[a]. *P 1000 to be paid Mr. Higginson.*

Order'd that the Gold by the Beaufort from Bengall, bee weighed and delivered to the Mint, and coyned. *Gold ℔ the Beaufort to be coyn'd.*

In consideration of the Severall inconveniencies that has happen'd by the exportation of Children, Stoln from their parents, to prevent which for the future, 'tis order'd that no Slaves shall bee Shipt off or transported, except Such who are first examined by the Justices of the Choultry, & their Severall names Register'd in a Book for that purpose, for which the Justices are to receive two fanams for each Slave, & whosoever shall offend, against this Same Rule, & shall bee convicted of Stealing people, are to pay for the first fault five Pag[o] & for the next to loos their ears in the Pillory, and that this order be fixt upon the Severall Gates and in the Choultry. *Order concerning exportation of Slaves.*

After much dispute & perswasion the President agreed with Cap[t] Cook, for all the round Pepper, brought upon the Royall James from Sumatra, upon Cap[t] Wettwangs, and other particular acc[ts] att Pag[o] 16¾ ℔ Candy, to bee weighed & delivered aboard that Ship. *Capt Cooks pepper bought att Pago 16¾ ℔ Candy.*

Having long been treating about the China goods disperst among many persons in Town, being the returnes of last voyage, wee have prevaild with Some to dispose them to the R[t] Honble Comp[a] as followeth Viz[t] China Raw Silk att Pag[o] 32 ℔ m[d] of 25 lb. Emoy Pelongs flower'd & plain att Pag[o] 3 ℔ ℔[s] Damasks att Pag[o] 4½ the peece, & China ware half Bowles att 1 Pag[o] ℔ Corge, & large Coffee Cupps, att Pag[o] 8 ℔ mill which thô little more, then half the markett price of late yeares, & scarcely the prime cost and charges in China, yet the consideration of the Warrs, troubles and no trade in the Country, induces most to sell att So low a rate, which cannot be expected to bee an example for futurity, Since there is little or nothing gotten by any, & great loss in Some, which wee doubt will bee a discouragment to the trade, thô wee also offer'd to take them upon the R[t] Honble Comp[as] proposalls, for their particnlar adventures & acc[t] to England, but could perswade none thereto, in consideration of the uncertainty of those Markets & the great charge thereon. *Abont China goods.* *What China goods agreed for.* *Scarcely the prime cost & charges.* *Not to be expected an example for futurity.* *Offerd to take China goods as the Rt. Honble Compa proposes.* *None to be perswaded thereto.*

The Accomptant delivering to the Councill, M[r] John Davis his acc[t] of what due upon the late Award upon M[r] Cawleys charge against him, which M[r] Davis *Mr. John Davis acct. of what dne upon Mr. Cawleys charge.*

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Order'd to pay itt, but refuses itt.

To be paid, before his departure. Warehouskeeper to hasten the acct of the Coodaloor Cloth.

was Sent for, & acquainted with, & order'd to pay itt, wch he refused to do, thô he before referr'd itt to us, but now gives for answer that he will only stand to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} award thereon, but having justly proceeded thus farr therein, wee agree that itt bee paid before his departure hence, & 'tis order'd that the Warehouskeeper &c^{a} do hasten their acc^{t} of the prejudice the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} have suffer'd by his &c^{a} Sortment of the goods, lately received from Coodaloor and Portonovo.

Mr. Cawley order'd to the Sea Side.

The employm^{t} of receiver of the Sea Customes being vacant Mr Wm Cawley is order'd to that office & to deport himself dilligently & peaceably therein.

Mr. Freeman & Mr. Wavell to See two Pirats executed.

Tomorrow being the appointed execution day, for two of the condemn'd Pirats, 'tis order'd the Mr Freeman & Mr Wavell do attend thereat, and that the whole Garrison bee call'd to Armes, that the unhappy Spectacle may deterr them from the like crimes, as also to make our justice more publick & Satisfactory to the Country people, some of whom, have been great Sufferers thereby.

P 31 to be paid Mr. Cheney for an Error.

Mr John Cheney late Storekeeper having committed an error in his acc^{ts} to his own wrong, of Pag^{o} 31 which by them appearing to us to be So, itt is order'd to bee paid him.

Elihu Yale. R : ffreeman.
John Gray. Tho: Wavell.
J. Biggs. Nat : Higginson.
John Nicholson. Will : Fraser.
John Stables Sec^{ry}. John Littleton.

3. Generall to Coodaloor.

Generall to Coodaloor dated this day approved & Signed ordring them to lade their remaining Bales upon the Madras ffrigat, & send her hither with all expedition for the Beaufort, except of necessity She must be carried into Portonovo River to repair, if So to Send them by Some other conveyance.

Two men executed.

This morning according to Sentence the 30th past, Ralph Streaker and James Smith were executed.

Ship Moulsford from Emoy.

Genlls from Mr. Gladman &ca.

Ship Moulsford Capt Edward Inglish Commander arrived from Emoy & brought two Generalls, from Mr Gladman &c^{a} there, dated 17th Novem^{r} & 2 Decem^{r} last, the former inclosing Invoyce & Bill of lading for 19 Chests Raw Silk, & 12 Copangs, laden by them upon Said Ship, for the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} acc^{t} & that there was no expectation of a Settlement there, the Latter desireing us to enquire after Some Sugar & Tea, laden by the Govern^{r} of Emoy on board the Shrewsbury, & a Ship Capt Burton commanded, there haveing been no returnes made him, & to rectifie the injury done him.

Generall &ca from Palliacatt.

Rec^{d} a Gen^{ll} from the Govern^{or} &c^{a} of Palliacat dated $\frac{2}{12}$ Ins^{t} with a List of what the Royall James her fugitive Pirats, had taken from Some of their people, demanding Satisfaction to bee made them.

Att a Consultation Extraõ

Present

Satterday 4.

Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governour
Mr John Gray Sr John Biggs
Capt. Mr John Littleton
Mr Robert Freeman M^{r}.
Mr Nath. Higginson Mr William Fraser.

Acct of the resortment of the Coodaloor Cloth. Delivered to the Book keeper.

The Warehouskeeper & Assistants having resorted the Cloth bought & Sorted by Mr John Davis &c^{a} att Coodaloor, and now given in the acc^{t} thereof, the Same was delivered to the Bookkeeper to make up a calculation of the damage therein,

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& to deliver itt to Sr John Biggs, to bee enquired into, & determined by the Court of Admiralty.

A calculation to be made & delivered Sr John Biggs.

The Ship Moulsford arriving yesterday from Emoy, brought us the news of the Safety and dispatch, of the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Ship London, & the Worcester ffrigat, richly laden thence for Bombay; The Owners of Said Ship Moulsford intending to have accepted the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} generous encouraging offer, about her goods to be laden upon the Beaufort on those tearms, but her Cargo being chiefly Gold, Grain and Sugar, is altogeather improper for itt, but their next Cargo may bee So order'd as Shall bee Servicable to their Hon^{rs} and the proprietors, & there being very little China Ware, Raw Silk, or Silks come upon this Ship, Itt is order'd that the Warehouskeeper do take in, what he can procure, att the prises formerly agreed upon, And that the 19 Chests of Raw Silk of the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} aboard the Moulsford from China, be traverst aboard the Beaufort for England, & the 12 Copangs delivered to the Mint and coyned, being the produce of their Hon^{rs} adventure, Sent thether ₽ Ship George.

Ships dispatcht from Emoy.
Moulsford's cargo improper for England.
Warehouskeeper to take in China goods.
Raw Silk to be traverst to the Beaufort.
Copangs to be Coyned.

There being a parcell of Bengall Taffaties offered att Pag^{o} 2 ₽ peece but being little better then those formerly bought, Itt is agreed not to give more then Pag^{o} 1$\frac{1}{2}$ ₽ peece.

Bengall Taffaties offer'd but not agreed for.

The Governour &c^{a} of Palliacat having wrot us a large relation & complaint of the injuries done Some of their people by Ship Royall James's runaways and Pirats, to which a Suitable answer was wrott, & now read and past, advising that wee had punished the Criminalls wth death, & should devide the Small matter they had left here, proportionably among the proprietors, requiring them to do the same, with what they had therof in their posession.

Concerning the Governr &ca of Palliacats Letter.
An answer thereto read & past.

Mr Samuell Griffith being arrived here upon the Beaufort from Bengall, was Sent for, & acquainted with the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} favour, in readmitting him into their Service, conditionally he would go to the West Coast, to which he gave his thanks, but could not be perswaded to accept thereof, alledging that his long indisposition in the Bay, necessitated his return for England.

Mr Griffith offered to goe to the West-Coast.
He gives his thanks, but will go for England.

The Madapollam Merchants being upon their departure home, 'twas agreed to Tasheriff them, as usually att Madapollam, in consideration of their great trouble & charge in coming hither to receive the ballance of their acc^{t} which by contract should have been paid them there.

Madapollam Merchts Tasherift.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN NICHOLSON.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R: FFREEMAN.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Coodaloor, dated the ₽^{mo} Ins^{t} desiring Some mony for the Portonovo merchants, they having as yet only rec^{d} goods, Silver & Gold & Silver thread, which lies by them undisposed of, They Send us coppy of their Diary & Consultations, & Acc^{t} Cash for the month of Janua^{ry} & their Consultation Book, Coppy book of Letters rec^{d} and Sent, and Pursers Book of acc^{ts} for last year, to be Sent for England. 4.

Generall from Coodaloor.
Dyarys & Consultations &ca. Books for England.

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One Pirat Executed.

This morning Allexander Hunter was executed aboard the Royall James, according to Sentence the 30th past.

Packett from the Danes for Europe.

Recd a Packett from the Danes att Trincombar for Denmarke, to be Sent ℘ the Beaufort for England, & forwarded from thence.

English Train'd bands Muster'd.

This afternoon the English Train'd bands of this Citty under the command of Capt Robert ffreeman, were muster'd consisting of 85 of the Rt Honble Compas covenant Servants, & freemen, besides Officers.

6. Letter from Messrs Chardin & Salvadore. Letter from Coje Abanus.

Recd a Letter from Messrs Chardin & Salvadore att Gulcondah, no date & from our Vakeel Coje Abanus dated the 12th past, giving a full acct how our affairs stood with the Mogull.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 6.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

MR JOHN GRAY	SR JOHN BIGGS
CAPT JOHN NICHOLSON	MR JOHN LITTLETON
MR	MR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON	MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Mr Barron being arrived was Sent for. Excuses his not coming being indisposed.

Mr Samuell Barron arriving here upon the Moulsford and now come ashoar, was Sent for to bee discoursed, & examined about the China voyage upon the Shrewsbury, as also to advise concerning the Chinees brought with him, belonging to the Generall of Emoy that wee may receive and entertain him accordingly, but he excused his coming upon his being indisposed.

Pepper aboard the Royall James wet. To be sent for ashoar & well dried. All hast possible to be made therein. Cloth att the Washers to be hastned.

Capt John Nicholson acquainting us that the Pepper aboard the Royall James is wett & unmerchantable, the Warehouskeeper is order'd to Send for itt ashoar, & that itt bee well dried, & after weighed & bagg'd according to agreement, that all possible hast bee made therein by the Warehouskeepers, that the Beaufort may not bee detarded in her voyage, and that the Cloth att the Washers be likewise hastn'd to that purpose, as also their further report of the Coodaloor Cloth.

Small Gunns bought of Capt Nicholson.

Capt Nicholson having a parcell of small Gunns & Carriages to dispose of, & wee having occation for them for use of this Garrison, Itt is order'd that the Storekeeper do buy them att prime Cost.

Emoy Pelongs to be paid for.

Kitte Narrand having deliver'd in 56 Emoy Pelongs att Pago 3 ℘ peece amts to Pago 168 Itt is order'd to be paid him.

Cap't Weltden's acct not yet ready. Promises itt tomorrow.

Capt Weltden was Sent for to give in an acct of his voyage to Tenasseree, but there being Some error in the coppying he desires till tomorrow and then promises to give itt, when wee shall proceed upon examination of that business.

P 340 to be paid Mr Higginson.

Order'd that Pago 340 be paid Mr Nathaniell Higginson Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison &ca.

Mr Hatsell offer'd the Rt Honble Compas Service. His answer thereto.

In the Rt Honble Compas Generall of the 9th Februry ℘ the Resolution, they order Mr William Hatsell to bee entertain'd a ffactor in their Service, if he desired itt, who being lately return'd from his China voyage, was Sent for, & acquainted with their Honrs favour & pleasure concerning him which being offer'd to his acceptance, he gratefully express his Obligation to the Rt Honble Compa for their great kindness to him, which he Should readyly accept, were not he att present engaged in the business of his late China voyage, but when that was clear'd, should readily accept the Rt Honble Compas Service.

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[6TH.]

Receiving Letters from Messrs Chardin & Salvadore, & our Vakeel att Gulcondah, which being read & discourst upon, the Vakeel's was order'd to bee Translated, and that wee meet tomorrow to resolve Something about that affair.

Mr Chardin & Vakeel's lrẽs read & discourst. To meet tomorrow.

Mr John Littleton Warehouskeeper & assistants deliverd in another paper concerning their resorting the Coodaloor Cloth, which was delivered to the Accomptant to give his answer thereto.

Another report of the resorting the Coodaloor Cloth

Delivered to the Accomptant.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN NICHOLSON.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R : FFREEMAN.
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JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

6. Kings Coronation day.

This being the Coronation day of his Majesty King James the Second the usuall Ceremony was performed.

Generall from Conimeer.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Conimeer dated the 3^{d} Ins^{t} advising that they had 150 Bales & the remaining Cloth to compleat their Investment att the Washers & coming in, They desire Ropes to bee Sent them, they much wanting them, & none procureable thereabouts.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAÕ.

Present

TUESDAY 7.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

MR JOHN GRAY	S^{R} JOHN BIGGS
CAP^{t}	MR JOHN LITTLETON
M^{R}	MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR NATH. HIGGINSON	MR WILLIAM FRASER

Concerning the Nabob and Vakeels letters.

Having well considered & debated upon the Nabobs & our Vakeels late Letters from Gulcondah, 'tis agreed that wee excuse the Sending any English from hence, upon pretence of the danger of Sevagees forces &c^{a} and that wee order Messrs Chardin & Rodrigues to pay our Vakeel the Pag^{o} 10000 Sent up by them, & that he Still prosecutes the business of procuring us the Mogulls full & generall Phirmaund, upon the termes he lately wrot us, & not to consent to less, but to procure as much more as possibly, thô itt bee att the expence of Pag^{o} 4 or 5000 more, then already sent him, provided the Phirmaund bee firm & good, including our free enjoyment of this place, paying but Rup^{s} 3000 yearly in Bengall, in leiu of Customes, & to pay no more then 2 ℔ Cent in Surat, granting us the Severall other priviledges & conveniencies wee wrot him about in our Severall Letters, which if they refused to grant, then to desist his further solicitation therein, till wee hear their opinions att Surat, & what they do there in this affair. The Severall Letters were accordingly drawn by the President, & Read & approved, & order'd to be translated & dispatcht to Gulcondah, with all Speed possibly.

To execuse sending any English.

Mr Chardin &ca to pay the Vakeel P 10,000 sent with them.

Directions to be given to the Vakeel.

Severall Letters read & past.

The Accomptant gave in a paper, advising the Councill, that hee could not draw up any intelligable acc^{t} or calculation from the Warehouskeepers report of the Sortment of Mr Davis his Coodaloor Cloth, therefore that no more time be lost

Concerning the Warehouskee ℔ report of the Coodaloor Cloth.

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The Councill & Sorters to examine the said Cloth.

therein, to the detarding the dispatch of the Beaufort, 'tis order'd that the Councill & Sorters, do Severally examine the Cloth, & give their opinions thereon, which is to bee deliver'd to the Judg of the Admiralty &c^a for determination.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN NICHOLSON.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R. FFREEMAN.
THO : WAVELL.
NAT : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

7. Three Pirats burn't in the forehead. Robt Sunderland run the Gantlope. Letter from Capt Perriman.

This morning three of the Royall James Runaway Pirats Viz^t James Naisby, Nicholas Dorrill, and George Read were burnt in the forehead att the Fort Gate, with letter P and Sent on board the Royall James, and Robert Sunderland run the Gantlope according to Sentence, the 30 past.

Rec^d a Letter from Capt James Perriman Commander of the Pearl ffrigat, dated att Mergen the 24 of December, referring us to his former or to the Dutchman the bearer for advice.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 9.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

MR JOHN GRAY	S^R JOHN BIGGS
CAP^T JOHN NICHOLSON	MR JOHN LITTLETON
M^R	MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR NATH. HIGGINSON	MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Capt Wiltden delivers his Journall. That & other informations to be perused by the Councill.

This day Capt Anthony Weltden delivered in his Journall of his Transactions att Mergen, which with other informations from the Ships company and passengers on that affair, was deliver'd for the Councills perusall, but wee having so many other businesses to do for the dispatch of the Beaufort, wee shall not bee able to examine itt thoroughly before her departure, but shall bee Strictly enquired into att our first leisure.

Mr. Thomas Davis his remonst[r]ance delivered.

Mr Thomas Davis delivered in a remonstrance of the Seizure of himself, and his estate in Bengall, giving a List of the particulars thereof, amounting to by his calculation Rup^s 91,475 as also an accompt of his Debts amounting to Rup^s 28300 requesting leave, to take his passage on the Beaufort for England, the consideration whereof is referred to our next meeting.

Bills to be given for ballance of Ship Rose her accompt.

Sr John Biggs and the Assistants of the Court of Admiralty desiring Bills of Exchange, upon the R^t Honble Comp^a for the ballance of Ship Rose her acc^t amounting to Pag^o 1056 : 25 payable as follows Pag^o 949 : 23 to the widdow of Capt Thomas Lucas, Pag^o 62 : 08 to the Assignes of Thomas Spencer Carpenter deceased & Pag^o 44 : 30 to the Assignes of John Blake Seaman deceased, Itt is order'd that the money bee accordingly rec^d into the R^t Honble Comp^as Cash here, & Bills given for the Same att 9^s ℔ Pag^o payable as accustomary.

Storekeepers acct for Decemr.

Mr Thomas Wavell Storekeeper his acc^t of Stores, bought, Sold & expended in the month of December read and past.

Mint acct for January.

Mr. Thomas Wavell Mintmaster his Acc^t of the Mint, for coynage of particular persons Gold in the month of January read and past amounting to Pag^o 14406 att ½ ℔ Cent ... Pag^o 72 : 01.

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Being advised in a Generall from Conimeer that they were in a great readiness, with their Investment, the Merchants having brought in most of their goods, & 150 Bales ready made up, & desire a Vessell for their transport hither, to Secure them from the danger of the Country & some Packing Stuff to bee Sent them, & here being no Vessell of the Rt Honble Compas but the Royall James, who is upon the Careen, and new rigging, which will not be fitted to Sail in twenty dayes,

Investmt in a great readiness att Conimeer.

None of the Rt Honble Compas Ships to fetch itt.

Itt is therefore order'd that a Moors Vessell in this road be hired for that Service att half a Pago ꝑ Bale, & if there bee not enough to lade her there, that she proceed to Coodaloor, and fill up there, & the Warehouskeeper is order'd to Send them, what Ropes, Twine & Gunnys, he can Spare or procure.

A Moors Vessell to be hired.

Packing Stuff to be Sent.

Agreed that an order bee given to Capt John Nicholson to receive John Thomas on board for England, he being So much crazed with his former lunacy, as renders him unservicable, and troublesome to the place.

John Thomas to go for England on the Beaufort.

Mr Nathaniell Higginson late Mintmaster delivers in three papers of Assays, Seven Musters of eager Gold, & half a Pistoll plated, recd by the Williamson, to bee Sent to the Rt Honble Compa with his Acct thereof, & delivers to Mr Johnson Assay Master, Eighteen parcells of Assay peeces of Gold ꝑ the Williamson, to make his triall of their fineness he being now recovered of his Sickness.

Papers of Assays deliver'd by Mr. Higginson, to go home.

Assay peeces delivere'd to Mr Johnson.

Mr Thomas Wavell Mintmaster delivers 8 parcells of Musters of Gold, rec ꝑ Ship Resolution, which are to bee Sent home to the Rt Honble Company.

Papers of Assays deliver'd by Mr Wavell to be sent home.

Order'd that the following payments be made Vizt To Narso Madapollam Catwall for 5 months wages due to the Peons and Servants that look after the Rt Honble Compas ffactory there, att Pago 16 ꝑ month Pago 80. To Lievt Lesley for 100 peeces of Bengall Taffaties Pago 150. To Narrand for 69 Pelongs 19 Damasks & 1 peece of Buff Sattin Pago 297.

Payments to bee made.

In regard the Warehouskeeper and Assistants have not given in an acct of the wrong & injury done the Rt Honble Compa by Mr. John Davis &ca Sorting the Coodaloor Cloth, the musters were brought up to the Councill, & Itt is order'd that each person of the Councill, do Strictly examine the Said Cloth, & give in their report, how much ꝑ Cent'tis below the Musters itt should bee equall to, the medium of which to bee taken and referr'd to the Admiralty to determine itt.

Concerning the Coodaloor Cloth.

To be examin'd by the Councill. Referr'd to the Admiralty to determine itt.

The Warehouskeeper having acquainted the Councill, that there cannot bee Chests sufficient made in time for the Raw Silk, to be Shipt on board the Beaufort, Itt is orderd that they bee pack't well in Wax Cloth, & Cotton, with Gunnys & Leather, the most securest & Safest way they possibly can.

Raw Silk to be packt up in Wax Cloth, Cotton &ca.

Mr Samuell Barron being arrived from Mallacca with three Chineeses from the Generall of Emoy, to treat with us of a mutuall trade to those parts, being design'd hither last year upon a China Junck, but were over perswaded by the Dutch not to surpass Mallacca, posessing them with great danger in their passage hither, so disposed their Cargo there, but on their returning to China, were near the Streights, encounter'd with the English Pirats that run away with the Rt Honble Compas Sloop Goodhope from Bengall, who plunder'd the Junk, and after Sunck her, with much gruff goods in her, these persons narrowly escaping in a Small Boat which they also had board with design to have Sunck her, but proved servicable to carry them back to Mallacca, & from thence were perswaded to come hither on the Moulsford, where next day after their arrivall they were handsomly recd in the ffort, by the Governour &ca and Saluted with Guns, for their wellcome, & to the Generall their Master, and the Steward is order'd. to carry them a Present of Liquor & provissions, & to Supply them whilst they stay here,

Three Chineeses arrived with Mr. Barron.

Of their being att Mallacca & loosing their Junck.

Escaped in a Small boat.

Said Chineeses recd in the ffort by the Governr &c.

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To courteously treated.

(which will not bee above a month) & that they have a convenient accommodation & courteous treatment, to oblige their good report of the place, & civillities to our people that voyage thether, & to encourage the trade.

Elihu Yale.
John Gray.
J. Biggs.
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R: ffreeman.
Tho : Wavell.
Nat : Higginson.
Will : Fraser.

John Stables Secry.

9\. Letter from the Governour to Mr Samuell White.

A Letter which the Governour writ to Mr Samuell White att Palliacat & now returned he being gone, was read to the Councill & is enter'd in the Coppy Book of Letters Sent.

10\. Letter from James Harding.

Recd a Letter from James Harding dated yesterday, wherein after a long Story he desires to bee Supplied with mony to lay in provissions for his homeward bound voyage, upon acct of arrears due to him.

Sevagees forces attempt Pullimelee fort.

Our Spies advise us that Some of Sevagees fforces had attempted the taking Pullimelee ffort, but were repulst with the loss of Some of their men.

Surat Letters can't be fonnd.

The Braminee & Peons which were Sent to enquire after the Surat Peons & Letters, returned, but can hear nothing of, bringing a Letter from the Polligars they went to enquire of about them.

11\. Madras frigt from Portonovo. Letter b[y] he[r] from thence.

The Madras ffrigat John Spencer Master, arrived from Portonovo & brought a Letter from Mr Hall & Mr Cranwell dated there the 9th Instant, inclosing Bill of Lading for 159 Bales of Callicoes, laden on her there.

Att a Consultation

Present

Satterday. 11.

Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governour
Mr John Gray — Sa John Biggs
Capt John Nicholson — Mr John Littleton
Mr Robert Freeman — Mr Thomas Wavell
Mr Nath. Higginson — Mr William Fraser.

Report of the weight of Gold from Bengall.

Mr John Littleton & Mr Thomas Wavell report the weight of a box of Gold recd from Bengall containing one Bagg & one Bamboo of Rock Gold and one Bagg of Acheen Mace poiz togeather 1069 oz. : 12 dwt. : 12 gr. which is 2 oz. : 09 dwt. more then Invoyce.

P 1000 to be paid Mr Higginson. Souldiers, Lascars & Peons to be entertain'd.

Order'd that Pago 1000 bee paid Mr Nathaniell Higginson Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison &ca who was orderd to entertain what more Souldiers, Lascars & Peons he could procure, for the safe guard of the place, these dangerous times, Sevagees forces, having yesterday plunder'd Pullimelee Town, & now beseiging the ffort 12 miles off.

Conditions upon which Mr Thoms Davis has leave to go for England upon the Beaufort.

The Councill having duly considered Mr Thomas Davis Remonstrance & Petition for his return for England, as also how indifferently, the Agent &ca write concerning him, & his troubles in Bengall, 'tis agreed that he has liberty to go for England, upon Ship Beaufort, Provided that he Legally assign, & make over his concernes in India, & give Bond in Ten Thousand pounds, payable to the Governr of the Company Sr Josia Child, & Sr Jeremy Sambrook, to indemnifie the

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Rt Honble East India Compa from all and any demands, payments, Seizures or troubles; that they shall Suffer from the Government in Bengall, or any other place, upon his Score, on debts, accts or trade made by him, or for his employers in Bengall, And 'tis order'd that the Judge Advocate &ca do draw up the Said Instruments of security, authentickly, & see them Sign'd & deliver'd before an order bee given for his embarquing for England. Judg Advocate &ca to draw up the Instruments.

James Harding giving in another of his peremptory papers, wherein besides Severall other Letigious impertinencys, he demands the Councills paying him mony for his homeward bound voyage, out of his Sallary payable in England, which being a desire without reason or example, 'twas rejected, & he acquainted with the reasons thereof, but continuing itt still his desire to return for England, 'twas granted him, he being a very useless, turbulent person here. James Harding demands mony for provisions. not granted him. Leave to go home.

Mr Samuell Barron appearing before the Councill he was order'd to give a more Satisfactory acct of his China voyage on the Shrewsbury, then wee yet have had, as also of the Rt Honble Compas remains, left with him att Emoy, & to repay what he had conditionally recd upon acct of Sallary, the Rt Honble Compa disapproving of his being entertain'd in their Service. Mr Barron to give acct of his China voyage. To repay what he recd on acct of his Sallary.

The Warehouskeepers were order'd to examine the goods last recd from Portonovo Coodaloor & Vizagapatam, & truly to report their condition, & sortment to the Councill, & to hasten the Shipping off the Pepper, China goods &ca aboard the Beaufort, that she may bee dispatcht in Season. Portonovo, Coodaloor & Vizagapa goods to bee examined. To hasten lading Ship Beaufort.

The Madras ffrigat arriving from Portonovo with 159 bales some of each Sort are order'd to bee examined & reported, & traverst aboard Ship Beaufort, & her West Coast treasure & Cargo to be laden aboard the Royall James for Sumatra. Madras ffrigat from Portonovo, some of each sort to be examined.

Charles Meers who came out a Souldier upon the Williamson, upon some discontent, his return being desired by himself & his friends, and having repaid the 10£ the Rt Honble Compa were att in Sending him out, 'tis order'd that he have leave to go for England, listing himself a Seaman aboard the Beaufort. Charles Meers leave to go home. repaid the Rt Honble Compa 10£.

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Ship Trevicane Sailed for Conimeer to fetch their Bales. 11. Trevicane for Conimeer.

Two English Souldiers belonging to Indrapoora, and taken by the Dutch att Bantam Capas, when Mr Potts was there, and brought by them from thence to Metchlepatam, were examined, as enter'd in the Coppy Book of Letters received. Examination two English Souldiers from West Coast.

Recd a Generall from Coodalour dated 6th Inst with two from Capt Spencer, Vizt One to this place, dated the 3rd Inst & the other to Mr Nicks dated 5th Inst all giving an acct of the Madras ffrigats arrivall att Portonovo, & that her greatest want will bee Salt provissions. Generall from Coodaloor. Letters from Capt Spencer.

Ship new Madras Mercht Christopher Fox Master arrived from Acheen. 12. New Madras Mercht from Acheen.

Recd a Letter from Capt Anthony Fenn, Commander of the Dragon, & Mr Rob Leveson, dated in Bombay the 22th September last, advising of their being Letter from Capt ffen & Mr Leveson att Bombay.

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Prizes brought into Bombay.

forc't in there, by contrary Winds & Currants, that they had fitted the Ship & waited only for the Gen[lls] dispatch, to proceed on their voyage to Persia, & that the 19th d[to] Ship Charles the 2[d] Cap[t] Andrews Commander, arrived there from Mocho, & brought in with him Six Moor Ships, & Beer the Interloper.

Generall &ca from Conimeer.

Rec[d] a Generall from Conimeer dated the 9th Instant accompanying their Generall Books.

Sevagees fforces att Pullimalee.

This night wee had advice that Sevagees fforces, prest hard upon Pullimelee ffort, & that the Braminee's were retired therinto with 300 horse and 700 ffoot.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 13.

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

M[R] JOHN GRAY	S[R] JOHN BIGGS
CAP[T] JOHN NICHOLSON	M[R] JOHN LITTLETON
M[R] ROBERT FREEMAN	M[R]
M[R] NATH. HIGGINSON	M[R] WILLIAM FRASER.

A Gunners Mate entertained. P 6 ℔ month allowed him.

Being in great want of an able Gunners Mate, and there being one M[r] Rider, a good Artist, that belonged to the Madras Frigat, Itt is order'd that hee bee taken from that Service, and employed a Mate to the Gunner att Six Pagodas ℔ month, and to take charge of the out works.

Concerning Capt ffreemans Sloop prest att Bengall.

Refused to the Court of Admiralty.

The Agent and Councill of Bengall having prest there a Sloop of Cap[t] Robert ffreeman's, called the Samuell of about 50 Tons, for the occation of their Warefare, which they do now keep for their other Services, being a new and Sound Vessell, of which they advise us in their last Gener[ll] desiring us to agree and satisfie Cap[t] Freeman for the same, but she being taken, on acc[t] of their Warrs, the case more propperly belonging to the Court of Admiralty, they were order'd to examine, and decide the Same according to equity.

Also the complaint against Capt Weltden.

The complaints also against Cap[t] Anthony Weltden, Commander of the Curtana Frigat, for his mismannagment of our Commission to him, about the Mergen affair, being a Navall, & Martiall business, itt more naturally appertains to the said Court of Admiralty, who are accordingly order'd to enquire thereinto, & adjudg according as they find, & that all papers relating thereto bee deliver'd them.

Warehouse accts for August, Septr, Octor & Novemr read.

The Warehouskeeper M[r] John Littleton read his Book of Acco[tts] for the months of August, September, October & November, which were past in Councill.

Genll to the Rt Honble Compa.

A Generall to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] dated the 25th January last to bee Sent ℔ the Beaufort, read and twas demanded of the Councill, if they had anything to offer therein, either in objection or addition, but being unanimously approved and order'd to bee engrost.

Councills opinions of the Coodaloor Cloth.

The Councill having Strictly examined the Coodaloor Cloth, bought & Sorted by M[r] John Davis &c[a] do now give in each their opinions how much every Sort

Bookkeeper to make up the acct. To be determind in the Court of Admiralty.

comes Short of the Muster, which was deliver'd to the Bookkeeper to make up the Acc[t] what the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] have been wronged therein, which is order'd to bee delivered to the Judge of the Admiralty to bee determined in that Court.

Letter to Madapollam Dubas and Braminee.

A Letter from the President to the Madapollam Dubas & Braminee about the Pag[o] 80 Sent them by the Catwall of that place, and ordring them to be very carefull of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] ffactory read & past.

ELIHU YALE.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN NICHOLSON.
JOHN LITTLEOTN.

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I except ye small damages given on ye Codolore Clo: not knowing when it was compared wth ye Muster but yt ye refuge Clo: had been all turned out ... ... } R: FFREEMAN. THO: WAVELL.

I except the order concerning the Codaloor cloth ... NAT: HIGGINSON.

JOHN STABLES Secry. WILL: FRASER.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 9th Instant advising that if the Madras ffrigat takes in 100 Bales, they Shall have left there 200 Bales, but cannot get conveyance to Send them hither. 13. *Generall from Coodaloor.*

This evening recd news that Severall of the Mogulls Generalls with 5000 horse & 11000 foot, were coming down against Sevagees fforces. *Mogulls fforces coming down against Sevagee.*

Recd a Genll from Coodaloor dated 10th Inst with Invoyce of 159 Bales ꝑ the Madras ffrigat. 14. *Genll &ca from Coodaloor.*

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRÃO

Present

WENSDAY 15.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY — SR JOHN BIGGS
CAPT JOHN NICHOLSON — MR JOHN LITTLETON
MR ROBERT FREEMAN — MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR NATH. HIGGINSON — MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Capt Cook was Sent for and acquainted that wee were ready to dispatch him to the West Coast, & that the Rt Honble Compa had no reason to pay demorage for his conveniencies, and that his Owners must abate itt for the loss of time, to which he answer'd, that he made all the hast in fitting his Ship, as possibly he could. *Capt Cooks not yet fitted. Ready to dispatch him. Owners to abate their demorage.*

A parcell of Nillaes offering to Sale, Itt is order'd that they be bought as those last year and laded aboard the Beaufort. *Nillaes to be bought.*

There being also a parcell of Madapollam Long Cloth white offer'd to Sale, and wanting goods to lade upon the Beaufort, Itt is order'd that itt bee bought att Pago 22½ ꝑ Corge, to pay one quarter part in Lead att Pago 10 ꝑ Candy, and the remainer in mony, that being the lowest & best agreement, wee can make for itt. *A parcell of Madapollam long Cloth to be bought.*

A parcell of Turmerick being to be bought in Town, to lade upon the Beaufort, Itt is order'd that the Warehouskeepers do buy itt, as cheap, as they can, not exceeding Pag 2½ ꝑ Candy, which thô no good commodity in England, yet wee esteem itt better then dead freight. *Turmerick to be bought.*

The Warehouskeepers deliver in an acct concerning the Portonovo Cloth by the Madras ffrigat, and the Vizagapatam Cloth, by the Beaufort, as enter'd in the Coppy Book of Letters received. *Report of Portonovo and Vizagapatam Cloth.*

The Accomptant having made a calculation of what the Rt Honble Compa have been wronged by the Sortment of the Coodaloor Cloth, by Mr John Davis &ca att Coodaloor, the Same was delivered to the Judge Advocate to determine in the Court of Admiralty, where all the Councill have liberty to Sett, and examine if they please. *Calculation of the Cloth sorted by Mr Davis &ca. Deliver'd to the Judge Advocate to determine.*

Capt Richard Cook being again examined about the damaging the Goods & Grain aboard his Ship att Coodaloor, when he produced his Journall and a Protest against the Sea, wherein he aledges, that 'twas unavoidably occation'd by the late violent Storm, and produced a note that he had acquainted the Chief &ca att Coodaloor therewith, who Supposing that they might arrive time enough here to recure them, itt being also bad weather, and they having order for her hasty dispatch thence, with all the goods they could procure, towards her lading for England, which wee then intended, they order'd the continuance of those goods aboard but wee Shall further enquire into itt. *About damaged goods & Grain in Ship Royall James. Capt Cook protested against the Sea. Reason for not taking the goods aboard Royall James asboar att Coodaloor.*

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Beauforts men to be muster'd & her lading surveyed.

Order'd that the Paymaster & Storekeeper do go aboard Ship Beaufort to Survey her lading and calculate her Tonnage, and to Muster her men, & particularly the ffifty blacks the Captain agreed to provide his Ship with.

Ten Slaves to bee Sent to St Helena on the Beaufort.

The Rt Honble Compa having order'd the Sending ten Slaves upon each Ship, and they being reasonable cheap, Itt is order'd that they be bought and shipt upon the Beaufort, Capt Nicholson having been perswaded to give them their passage to St Helena, the Rt Honble Compa to provide necessary cloths, three Tons of water, & Salt fish sufficient for the voyage.

Private trade to bee register'd.

The Rt Honble Compa having permitted in their Generall of the 7th Janury 168$\frac{6}{7}$ any unprohibited goods, not limiting the quantity to bee laden upon their Ships for England to help out their dead frieght which unavoidably would fall thereon, the Secry is order'd to Register such goods, and give his order to the Commander to receive them according to the Rt Honble Compas order.

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J : BIGGS.
JOHN NICHOLSON.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R : FFREEMAN.
THO : WAVELL.
NAT : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry

THURSDAY. 16. No consultation.

No Consultation this day the President having put itt off till tomorrow that the Invoyce &ca papers may be got in a readiness for the Beaufort.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRÃO

Present

FRIDAY 17.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

MR JOHN GRAY	SR JOHN BIGGS
CAPT JOHN NICHOLSON	MR JOHN LITTLETON
MR ROBERT FREEMAN	MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR NATH. HIGGINSON	MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Cash acct for part of ffebry.

The President read his Cash Book for the month of ffebruary to this day, which was past in Councill, the ballance remaining examined being ... ... Pago 440 : 35 :—

P 800 awarded Mr Freeman by the Admiralty for his Sloop to be paid.

The Court of Admiralty having awarded Capt Robert Freeman P 800 for his Sloop Samuell, Seized by the Agent &ca and Capt Nicholson in Bengall which is allowed by the Councill & order'd to be paid him accordingly.

Generall to St Helena. Beaufort's dispatch.

A Generall to the Governour and Councill of St Helena advising to have Sent them for the Rt Honble Compas acct upon the Beaufort, ten Slaves, with their Cloths & necessarys, dated this day, & Ship Beauforts dispatch for England read, past and Signed.

Madapollam Long Cloth to bee paid for. Lead to be delivered.

Mr Freeman having deliver'd in 28 Bales of Mr Samuell Wales deceased his Madapollam Long Cloth, which the Warehouskeepers recd and Sorted, the three quarter part amounting to Pago 708 : 27 :—

Itt is order'd to bee paid him, and the Lead to the amount of the other quarter part, to be delivered him by the Warehouskeeper.

Mr John Davis pays in what awarded.

Mr John Davis this day paying in Pago 440 : 34 : o according to the Book-keepers acct made up, upon the President & Councills award on Mr Cawleys charge against him, which himself referr'd to us in his answer, and had a most impartiall, just examination & decission, therein, & could then give no reasonable objection

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against any one Article wee charg'd, but Seem'd fully satisfied, thô Since cast many reflections upon us unworthily, as appears by Said examinations Sent home to which wee referr. Concerning Said Award.

Mr John Davis was also examined upon his Severall Scurrilous Letters sent us from Coodaloor, wherein he greatly complains and reflects, upon our Sending for him thence, to conclude the examination of Mr Cawleys charge against him, thô he had often wrot us to do itt, & that he intended to go for England by the first Ship, which was a sufficient reason, for our so doing, and Sending Mr Nicks, to take charge of the Rt Honble Compas affairs there, he being appointed by the Rt Honble Compa Chief of Madapollam, whether wee could not Send him, that ffactory being withdrawn, and to leave their Honrs concernes att the uncertainty of Mr Davis leaving them att pleasure, in disorder, besides may other reasons, had there not been that occation, he having long managed those affairs very arbitrarily and badly as by the many former complaints Sent home against him. About Mr. John Davis his scurrilous Letters. Reasons for Sending Mr Nicks Chief of Coodaloor.

Hee was also examined, about the Severall other idle particulars & reflections in his Letters and his Severall breaches, contempts & neglects of the Rt Honble Compas and our orders, as also about his inconsiderate proposalls of an Investment att Trimlevas, near Portonovo to advance Pago 20,000 ready mony to a few Strange poor Merchants, in a troublesome ill Govern'd Country, where wee have neither priviledges, house or Security, or if there had been, wee had neither money or order for itt, yet he magnifies, and applauds himself, for the little project, when had wee not been engaged by his former contract att Portonovo and Coodaloor, wee had more reason to have withdrawn them [than] Settled new ones, in those troublesome parts, that cannot bee long free, from the Mogulls warrs, and conquest, and are continually infested by the roving Sevagees, and att best only a markett for Grain. He was also required to advise us what he knew towards the advancement of this place, which he much pretends to in his letters, but could or would give us no reasonable answer or satisfaction to anything, thô much prest to itt, and wee much doubt they proceeded more from the effects of passion, then any reasonable consideration, he having been long a disorderly, imperious idle man, of much more pride and nois then Sense or integrity. Examined about his idle reflections in Severall Letters. Also about his inconsiderate proposalls. He gives no reasonable or Satisfactory answer.

The Warehouskeepers here and att Coodaloor having not given a full and satisfactory accompt of the Rt Honble Compas injury by the Sortment of those goods by Mr John Davis &ca of Coodaloor, the Court of Admiralty (to whom the decission was referr'd) to give us their opinion that upon that consideration, and want of evidence, 'tis better the determination thereof bee referr'd to the Rt Honble Compa themselves, which Mr John Davis also being willing thereto offering his bond of £10000 to Stand to the award of any three of the Comittee about the damage in the Sortment of the said Cloth &ca which with himself now goes on Ship Beaufort, 'tis therefore agreed that his Bond be taken for the Rt Honble Compa in Said Summe, to Stand to the examination and award of the Honble Governour of the Rt Honble Compa for the time being, the Honble Sr Josia Child & Sr Jeremy Sambrooke, since wee cannot rightly determine the matter, before the dispatch of Said Ship, and the Judg Advocate is order'd to draw up Said Bond authenticly and that itt, and all other papers relating to this business be Sent now home to the Rt Honble Compa leaving here attested coppies thereof. Concerning the Sortmt of the Coodaloor Cloth. To be referr'd to the Rt Honble Compa. Mr Davis to give bond to stand to their award. Judg Advocate to draw up the Bond. Bond &ca to be sent home.

The Bookkeeper having made up the acct of China goods bought of Severalls amounting to Pago 10965 : 31 :—It is order'd to bee paid each person according to the Warehouskeepers list. China Ware to bee paid for.

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To Hasten Books & Invoyce. Books & papers to be put up in Boxes.

The Accomptant is advised to hasten his Books and Invoyce, and the Secry order'd to Box up the Books and papers & get the Packett in readiness, intending if possibly to dispatch the Ship tomorrow.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN NICHOLSON.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R : FFREEMAN.
I except Davis[s] goeing for Engd till full sattisfaction bee made ye Honble Compa here. } THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

17. Generall from Conimeer.

Recd a Generall from Conimeer dated the 15th Instant, advising that all the Cloth, was att the Washers to P 1000, and Should follow our orders when the Ship arriv'd that was Sent for their goods.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

18. Generall from Coodaloor.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 14th Inst with Ship [Ma]dr[as] Frigats acct of expence, an Attestation of what wanting in a Bale of Callicoes, A List of damaged goods rewashed, and five receipts for mony paid by Mr Swynoke, to Some of her Seamen, The A[ttesta]tion & List deliver'd the Warehouskeeper, and the five rece[ip]t[s] th[e] Storekeeper.

Letter from Coje Abanus.

Recd a Letter from Coje Abanus dated att Gulcondah the ℣[mo Instant] which was So long upon the way, by reason the Peons fell Si[ck which] gives us an acct how our affairs s[ta]nd with the Mogull, [which se]verall from him of later date have done.

[Let]ter from Mr Chardin.

Recd a Letter from Monsr Chardin, to the President dated att Gulcondah, the $\frac{1}{2}\frac{3}{3}$ past month, giving an acct of the trade in those pa[rts] & the price of Silver, & in another Letter he advises the Moguls going from Gulcondah, towards Viziapore, and that our Vakeel Coje Abanus, was gone along with him.

MUNDAY 20. [No] Consultation.

No C[o]nsultation The Councill being busie in the dispat[ch of] the Beaufo[rt] for England.

[Mus]ter of Ship Bea[ufort]s m[en].

Mr Wavell & Mr Higginson deliver in their Muster of Ship Beauforts men, whereby there appears to 96 living, as also a report of their Survey of Said Ships lading as [f]olloweth.

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Report of the Beauforts men and lading.

Wee the Subscribers being appointed by the President & Councill to go aboard the Beaufort, & Muster her men, & view her Tonage, & report, that of Europe men muster'd 96. Wee Saw five or Six Slaves aboard besides which the Captain affirmed, hee had about thirty ready ashoar which with ten Slaves to be Sent on the Rt Honble Compas acct will make near Fifty, That the Said Ship can take in about one hundred & fifty Bales more, The great Cabbin & Round house free, but too much pester'd between Decks.

THOMAS WAVELL.
NATH: HIGGINSON.

Diary Mr Barron's China voyage

Mr Samuell Barron delivers his Diary of his unfortunate China voyage, dated in Mallacca the 20th March 1687 which is to bee Sent to the Rt Honble Compa by the Beaufort, he promising to give a coppy of itt.

Note.—The Diary and Consultations of the period, February 18 to December, 31, 1688, have been taken from Public Consultations, Volume XIV, pages 1—269.

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Ship Beauforts dispatch for England, read past & Signed the 17th Inst was dated this day, & delivered the Commander Capt John Nicholson. Ship Beauforts dispatch dated and delivered.

Having a great desire to get the Surat Letters lately Stopt by the Polligars & Sent after, but denied by them, their contents being of great importance for us to know att this time, Itt was thought convenient to try once more, & Send a larger Present of broad Cloth &ca what formerly Sent being Supposed not Sufficient to answer their expectations. Surat Letters again sent after.

Ship Loyall Capt Capt Francis Eldred Commander arrived from Acheen. 23. Loyall Capt from Acheen.

Ship Trevicane Nicholas Westberry Master arrived from Conimeer, and brought a Generall from thence, dated the 21st Inst with Invoyce and Bill of Lading for 335 Bales of Callicoes & 181 bags of Indico Shipt on board her there. Trevicane & Genll from [C]onimeer.

Att a Consultation

Present

Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governour

Mr John Gray	Sr John Biggs
Mr John Littleton	Mr Robert Freeman
Mr Thomas Wavell	Mr
	Mr

Thursday 23.

The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

The Conimeer goods by the Trevicane are order'd to bee brought ashoar, to bee ready for the next Ship for England, the Beaufort having been dispatcht two dayes, and not Sufficient lading for a following Ship. Goods ℔ the Trevicane to bee brought ashoar.

A Generall to the Rt Honble Compa to bee Sent Via Surat, and a Generall to Surat, ℔ French conveyance, both dated the 24th Instant read and past. Generalls to the Rt. Honble Compa & Surat.

The Sloops as they advise from the West Coast, being all lost, a[nd] having little conveniency for the lading & expe[diting] the Royall James from thence, the Beauforts Long Boat, with her necessary[s] was bought att Pago 70 and order'd to bee Sent thether by the Royall James, with two Mussulaes. Beauforts long boat bought for the West Coast. Two Mussulaes also to be Sent.

In consideration of the dangerous & troublesome going overland to Coodaloor, & here being a Ship bound thether, Itt is order'd that Pago 10000 bee Sent by her, to Supply those, & Portonovo Merchants they having advised us, that their Investments, cannot be [carri]ed on, or concluded without itt, And a Generall to them ad[vi]sing Sending Said mony dated this day read and past. P 10000 to be Sent ℔ ship to Coodaloor. Generall to Coodaloor.

Now [th]e Beaufort is dispatcht 'tis order'd that the next [be] [the] Royall James to the West Coast with all possible Speed, and that her goods & treasure, bee laden accordingly, and duplicates of our Generall Letters to the Rt Honble Compa bee Sent by her and the Captne advised, to hasten her fitting. Royall James to bee dispatcht. Goods & treasure to be laden [on] the Royall James. Duplicates to the Rt Honble Compa to bee sent by her.

The Beaufort being Still in the Road the Governour wrot the Capt a Letter blaming his delays, which might endanger the geting his passage about the Cape, to the Rt Honble Compas great damage thereby, to which he return'd answer that Capt Nicholson blamed for his delay in not Sailing.

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His answer returned.

his stay was occation'd by the accidentall breaking of his buoy rope, whereby he could not weigh Anchor, but that he would certainly Sail this night.

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NAT : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}. WILL : FRASER.

24. Ship Beaufort Sailed. Passengers [that] went on her.

Ship Beaufort Capt John Nicholson Commander, Sailed hence early this morning for England God Send her a Safe arrivall there, And on her went Mr Samuell Griffith, Mr John Davis & Mr John Thomas, as passengers.

Letter to Monsr Chardin.

A letter from the President to Monsr Chardin att Gulcondah dated yesterday, again ordring him to pay the Pag° 10000 Sent with him to our Vakeel Coje Abanus approved and Signed.

French Sloop from Pullicherry.

A French Sloop arrived in this Road from Pullicherry, to take in a French

Genll [to] Surat & Rt Honble Compa Sent by her.

Padre for Metchlepatam, who is design'd thence to Gulcondah & Surat, & by him Sent our packet for Bombay & Gen^{ll} to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a}.

P 1000[0] Sent to Coodaloor.

Pag° 10000 laden aboard Ship N[ew] Madras Merchant Christopher Fo[x] Master for Coodaloor.

25. New Madras Mercht sailed.

Ship New Madras Merchant Sailed for Coodaloor.

French Sloop Sailed.

The French Sloop which arrived yesterday Sailed for Metchlepatam.

Pass to Ketch Annapourna.

Given a Pass to Ketch Annapourna belonging to Marripa & Callawa Chitty, Inhabitants of Fort St George Mollaia Tandell bound to Carricoll.

Portugues Embassador returning from Gulcondah.

Alvaro Cacella do Valle the Portugues Chief Embassador to the Mogull att Gulcondah, to obtain his Phirmaund for St Thomá, we hear is upon his return thence, having done little or nothing in that business.

26. Generall from Coodaloor.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 22th Instant, advising that they had made a calculation, of what due to the Duan, & find they owe there about Pag° 800, and att Portonovo Pag° 400 which they desire may bee Sent ℘ first oppertunity, the Duans people continually dunning them for itt, They also desire Some Wax & Wheat for the Factory use, none being procureable in those parts, And that there was three Coyles of Cordage wanting by Ship Royall James N°. 3.16.29 which the Captain detained for his Ships use, and must accompt for.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 27.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY S^{R} JOHN BIGGS.
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH : HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Two Gunns bought.

There being two turn'd Gunns of Capt Nicholsons offer'd to Sale poiz 25θ : ¼ : 21 lb att 20^{s} ℘ θs & ^{s}8 : ^{d}6 ℘ Pag° am^{t} to Pag° 59 : 14 [w]ith two Carriages att Pag° 8 in all Pag° 67 : 14 : 0 they are order'd to bee bought & paid for, having occation for them, for use of the Garrison.

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A Present of Oyle of Mace and Cordiall water, Sent to our Vakeel Coje Abanus att Gulcondah, am[t] to Pag[o] 21 : 12 : 0 is order'd to be paid for. [Oy]le of Mace &ca to be paid for.

A parcell of Nillaes bought of Nalla Vencatadry being 24 Corg att Rup[s] 57 ₽ Corg, and Rup[s] 3½ ₽ Pag[o] amo[ts] to Pag[o] 390 : 30 : & a parcell of China goods bought of him amounting to Pag[o] 658 : 07 : both Shipt on board the Beaufort, Itt is order'd to bee paid him. Nillaes & China goods to bee paid for.

The Paymaster M[r] Nathaniell Higginson his Book of Acco[tts] for the month of November read and past as followeth. Paymasters acct for November.

Charges Garrison	Pag[o]	998 : 16 : 5
Charges Generall	„	594 : 02 : 3
Charges Diett	„	258 : 07 : 3
Charges Extraordinary	„	47 : 08 : 3
Charges Cattle	„	29 : 26 : 3
Charges Merchandise	„	29 : 04 : 3
Acc[t] Fortification & Repairs	„	75 : 31 : 3
West Coast	„	2 : 17 : 5
Expedition of Bengall	„	44 : 35 : 3
Expedition to Tenasseree	„	4 : 05 5
	P.	2084 : 13 : 0

M[r] Thomas Wavell desiring to bee excused from being one of the Justice Assistants to the Court of Admiralty, in consideration of his great business of the Mint and Storekeeper, Itt is order'd that M[r] Robert Freeman do Supply that place. Mr Wavell desires to be excused the Admi[r al]ty business. Mr Freeman to [sup]ply that place.

M[r] Milton was Sent for & order'd to give in an Acc[t] to the Book ke[e]per how he disburst the mony he rec[d] att Trincombar, as also of the expences on the Madras Frigat, and recuring the damaged Cloth, which when examined, hee is to report to the Councill. Mr Milton to give in his acct.

The Chief & Councill att Coodaloor desiring S[o]me Wax & Wheat, Itt is order'd that the Storekeeper do Send them 20 baggs of wheat, there being no Wax procurable, As also 20 baggs to Conimeer for the Factorys use. Wheat to[b]e Sent to Coodaloor and Conimeer.

According to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] former order[s] to Send £2000 up [on] their acc[t] on any good Country voyage, & there being a Ship called the Moulsford, now bound for Emoy in China, Itt is agreed & order'd that to that amount bee laden on board her in Silver and goods propper for that market. £2000 to be Sent to Emoy ₽ the Moulsford.

There being no Ship of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] fitting for Tonqueen, and the Curtana Frigat bound thether, Itt is order'd that what Stock in Silver and goods wee can Spare, bee laden aboard her & consigned to the Factory, & what Assistance wee can of Factors and Writers bee Sent them by Said Ship. A Cargo to be Sent to Tonqueen ₽ the Curtana. Also Factors & Writers.

The Governour representing to the Councill that the Fort & Garrison, & the Severall Points, Bulwarks & Batteries, being either under very odd, or various uncertain names, & Some without any, w[ch] may occation neglects or mistakes, upon a Suddain assault or Surprise, & now being liable to the danger of the Mogulls and Sevagees forces, 'tis order'd that they bee regulated, & named more honourably & distinctly, that all persons upon an Allarm, might readily know, & march to their Severall Posts & Quarters, And first for the Cittadell or Fort which went under the various tear[ms] of flagstaff Point, Horse Point, Cook room &c[a], and never any Settled certain names Register'd for them, 'tis now appointed that they go under Concerning naming the Severall Points &c.

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the following names for the future, & the Souldiers and Inhabitants be quarter'd to them accordingly Vizt.

The 4 Fort Points call'd.

The four Fort Points called.
The English Point.
Scotch Point.
French Point.
Irish Point.

The Garrison Works.

And the Garrison Works Vizt.
Charles Point.
James Bulwark.
St Thomas Point.
Dover Battery.
Sea Gate.
Plimouth Battery.
York Point.
Middle Gate.
Chowtry Gate.
Gloster Point.
River Gate.
River Battery.

The Streets named.

And that the Severall Streets have their Severall names, & Precincts as well for order & regularity, as to ascertain the Sales of houses & grounds therein, as also upon occation for collection of Taxes, & Cesments Vizt.

St Thomas Street.
James Street.
Church Street.
Charles Street.
Chowtry Street.
Middle Street.
Gloster Street.
York Street.
York Lane.

The Lanes & Allys by them.

Also the Severall Lanes and Allys by them accordingly.

Out Town Gates &ca to be named.

And that the Out Town Gates Points and Streets be likewise named and regulated, which the Justices are to advise with the Chief Gentue Inhabitants about itt, and accordingly agree thereon, and Inscriptions made to each place till itt grow accustomary.

Orders for the Gunners to be published to them

And the Gunners often committing many mistakes in returning Salutes to Ships &ca and no directions hitherto about itt, 'tis agreed that the following Orders be published to them, and hereafter observed Vizt.

Rules for the Gunners.

RULES TO BEE OBSERVED BY THE GUNNERS UPON P[E]NALTY OF PAYING THE RT HONBLE COMPA DOUBLE FO[R] THE POWDER THEY FIRE AWAY UPON MISTAKE &CA PENALTIES HEREIN MENTIONED VIZT.

To fire to no Ship whatever before She comes to an Anchor in this Road, that is betwixt the Point of the Gentue Town and the Southern most part of the Macquaw Town, & first Salutes the Fort.

To fire equall Guns to all Ships, that have the King of Englands Commission, & wear his Coulors, The Same to all forreign Royall Ships of what Nation Soever.

To all other English Ships that have no Commission, nor Kings Coulors, to fire two less then they Salute the Fort with, & but one in thanks to all they shall fire a Second time, allways observing that Such Ships are to fire the last Gun.

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And to all other free trading English or Country Ships, & the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Small Frigats, Ketchs or Sloops, as also all Strangers Ships never to exceed five Guns, in answer to them, without particular order from the Governour, Notwithstanding how many they fire to the Fort, But if they fire but five or under, then to return but three or one, those Ships always fireing last.

That all Salutes to the Commanders coming ashoar, be order'd by the Governour, & the Same to bee given them att their going aboard after their dispatch delivered them, and that no more then one Gun bee given to the Ships return.

That the Gunner or his Chief Mate & one more be const[an]tly night & day in the Fort Gunroom, not only to take care of the Amunition, but give out what Stores there may bee occation for, upon forfeiture of a months pay.

That a List bee taken monthly each Muster day of the names of all the Gunners Mates & Assistants belonging to the Garrison, & that the Said List bee allways hung upon a Board in the Gunroom in the Fort, & that every mans Station & Post bee added to his name, & this List to bee kept allways clear, & mens names to bee either incerted or blotted out, so often as men are either entertain'd into Service, or dismissed therefrom, & an acc[t] thereof taken by the Commanders of the Souldiers, when they desire itt, that they may att their going the Rounds, or att other times, inspect who are absent from their Severall Posts & places assigned, by which means, their duty may bee more carefully perform'd, then in time past itt hath been.

And for the avoiding of accidents, which often times have happen'd in Severall places, Itt is hereby order'd, that none Shall Smoak any Tobacco, or Suffer to bee Smoaked either in the Gunroom in the Fort, or att any other of their Store-houses, or lodging places where Powder & Ammunition is kept, upon penalty of forfeiting one months pay, to the poor, or otherwise bee punished, as the offence may deserve.

That the Gunners Mates Shall att all times before or att the Beat of Taptoo, att Nine of the Clock att night, repair to their Severall Posts, & Guards where they are assigned, & there to remain till beat of Drum for discharge of the Watch in the morning, & whosoever Shall neglect his duty in this particular, in not coming to his Guard or Post att the time appointed, or Shall go off from his Guard or Post contrary to these Orders, shall forfeit half a months pay to the Poor, or bee otherwise punished as the offence may deserve, or if they shall bee drunk, or create any disturbance or quarrell upon their Guard, they shall bee punished, according to the Articles in the Orders of the Garrison.

That all the Mates meet every morning att the Gunroom, to See what business is to bee done that day, & Stay the doing of itt, unless leave granted by the Gunner, through Sickness or otherways under the penalty of one dayes pay.

That all the Mates att an Allarm given, bee ready with their Matches, lighted, & to keep their respective quarters till order'd otherwayes, by his Hon[r] or Gunner, under the penalty of one months pay.

That no Stores whatever shall bee rec[d], deliver'd or lent without the Store-keepers particular order in writing, & that the Gunner do keep a Leidger acc[t] of all Stores, & their expence, & deliver a monthly acc[t] thereof, to the Storekeeper, And that all Storehouses, Points, Bulwarks, & Lockers, bee duly fitted with Armes, & Ammunition, to be allwayes in readiness for the most Suddain Allarm or Assault And that all Ordnance, have their due Load & charge of Powder, And if att any time, upon examination, the Cartrouches shall bee found defective, the Gunner shall forfeit a months pay for the first fault & after greater punishment, as the crime shall deserve, & that if any of the Gunners Mates, shall bee convicted of embezling any manner of Stores, to pay treble for their vallue, & if of purloyning or Stealing any, to run the Gantlop, & bee expell'd his Office & the Garrison.

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Trevicanes freight to be paid.

The Trevicane having brought from Conimeer 235 Bales Callicoes & 181 bags Indico, accounting 3 baggs to a Bale, is Bales 60⅓ in all Bales 295⅓ att half a Pag° ℔ Bale according to agreem^t is Pag° 147 : 18 : 0 which is order'd to bee paid.

List of Actions to be brought every Munday.

In pursuance of a late Law made for the conveniency of all Inhabitants & travellers, Itt is order'd that the Register do bring us every Munday to Councill, a List of all Actions depending in the Court of Admiralty, for the better observation of the Said Law.

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JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

27. Mogulls forces come to Conjeveron. Sevagees forces retreated.

The Spie Peons from Conjeveron gives the following acc^t That two dayes Since arrived there Mahomed Sadick a Generall, Maccoi Ishmael Cawn, Rustum Cawn, & Eachuma Naigue, with 4000 horse & 7000 foot, of the Mogull army, & that Sevagees forces were gone the[nce]beyond Outramallore & had plunder'd the Townes of Cowes, Cattle &c^a as they went along, & that the Said Army of the Mogulls were going to Chetteput.

28. Genlls to Coodaloor & Conimeer.

Generalls to Coodaloor & Conimeer dated this day approved & Signed, advising to have Sent to each Factory 20 bags of wheat.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY MARCH PMO.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY S^R JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON M^R
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON
M^R

The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

P 1000 to be paid Mr Higginson.

Order'd that Pag° 1000 bee paid Mr Nathaniell Higginson Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison &c^a.

A scandall raised on the Pago coyned in this Mint.

There having been lately in these troublesome times & Governm^ts many irregularities committed in Severall places, more particularly att Kisnapatam & Carera, where they have counterfeited our Pagodas with the Same Stamp & weight, but are not three-quarters their vallue, which has brought so great a disreputation upon ours lately Coyn'd from peoples fearing that they may bee those fals ones, itt has been a late practice in Town, & up the Country to advance three ℔ Cent in Exchange of new Pagodas for old, whereas by our Strictest examination wee cannot find the least difference either in fineness, weight or vallue, between those coyned of late years & what formerly, Itt is therefore order'd to prevent the injuries that may accrue to our Mint thereby that the following Declaration bee published by beat of Drum, & affixt upon the Gates of the Citty in English, Portugues, Moors, Gentue and Mallabar Viz^t.

A Declaration to be published.

The Declaration.

Some envious bad people out of prejudice, & a wicked design against this place, have lately raised a Scandall against the Pagodas coyned in this Mint, Some years past, which upon Strict examination, are found to bee justly the Same, both as to weight and fineness, Therefore these are to publish and forbid, any Merchant, Shroff, Chittees, or any other persons whatever under this

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Government, to make any difference or distinction in our Pagodas, either in receiving or paying them, allowing nothing thereon, the Pagodas being exactly of the same vallue & whosoever shall bee found culpable herein, to forfeit all the money so chang'd & advanced upon, for the first offence, and a greater punishment for the second, and banishment from the Citty for the third offence.

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ꝑmo. Names given to the Points &ca.

This afternoon the President & Councill accompained by the Cap^{ts} of the Garrison &^{ca} gave names to the Severall Points, Bulwarks & Batteries, as order'd in Consultation the 27th past.

Passes given to a Boat & Ship.

Passes given to Boat Ranganauta, belonging to Ranga Chitty one of the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Merchants att Fort St George Woodooman Tandell bound hither from Carricoll, And to Ship Trevicane belonging to Mackhadum Neena, Inhabitant of Fort St George, Nicholas Wesbary Master, bound to Acheen.

2. Mamcodee from Acheen.

Ship Mamoodee Enassuaris Master arrived from Acheen.

Letter from Capt Batten.

Rec^{d} a Letter from Capt Thomas Batten att Acheen, dated the 7th of last month, advising of a Ship belonging to the King of Siam, arrivall there, laden with Copper, Tyn, Tutanague, Pepper and Benjamin & bound for Pullicherry, that he durst not medle with her in that Port, the Shabander having threatned all the English if he did, that Said Ship had put out Treasure into a Small French Vessell bound to Pullicherry, & that he would wait on the Said Siam Ship, & dispute itt with her att Sea.

Letter from Mogulls Generall att Conjeveron.

Rec^{d} a Letter from Mahomed Sadick the Mogulls Generall att Conjeveron giveing an acc^{t} of his arrivall there, with friendly expressions of kindness.

3. Rochester from Bengall. Letters, Dyarys, Invoyces &ca from thence.

Ship Rochester Capt John Brumwell Commander arrived from Bengall and brought three Generalls from the Agent and Councill, without place or date with Coppys of their Diarys for Last year, & Ballasore Diary, with Invoyce of goods laden by them, aboard the Rochester & duplicate of a Protest given to Capt John Brumwell, they advise that they intended to Send the Madapollam Ketch with Bale goods, & that matters are Still much att one betwixt them & the Government, & that the Resolution was Safely arrived into Ballasore Road, Sending us receipt for 537 bags of Rice ꝑ the Beaufort. Also a Generall from Ballasore, dated 21th Jan^{ry} 168$\frac{7}{8}$ with Invoyce & Bill of Lading from thence for 61 Bales of Nillaes & one Small parcell of new[Setts]of Stuffs for Mustars, & Bills of Lading for what was laden by the Agent & Councill aboard Said Ship, & some receipts for goods laden aboard Capt Nicholson. Also a Letter from Capt Jonathan Unkettle dated aboard Ship Priaman 13th March 168$\frac{6}{7}$ advising of his arrivall att & fortifying Indrapoora.

Genll from Ballasore.

Letter from Capt Unkettle.

Letter from Charles Fleetwood.

Said Ship Rochester touching on the Coast of Gingerlee found Mr Fleetwood att a place called Ganjam, & brought a Letter from him thence, without date, giving his reasons for dispatching her, without lading the Grain order'd for this place As also coppy of Capt Brumwells letter to him dated in Ganjam Road the ꝑ^{mo} Febr^{ry} 168$\frac{7}{8}$ proposing reasons for his quick dispatch to Fort St George.

Coppy of Capt Brumwells letter to Mr Fleetwood.

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3. Capt Brumwells papers.

Capt John Brumwell Commander of the Rochester delivers the President his answer to the Agent & Councill of Bengalls Protest, dated in Ballasore Road 22nd Janry 168⅞. Also coppy of an Attestation, concerning his Long boat & men, with coppy of another Attestation, of the Souldiers & Seamens mutinying both dated the 9th of June 1687.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRÃO

Present

SATTERDAY 3.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR

The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

Moulsfords freight to be paid. Also Commission to the President and Second

The Owners of Ship Moulsford demanding their freight for goods brought upon the Rt Honble Compas acct from Emoy, according to agreemt with Mr Gladman &ca as ℘ Bill of Lading, Itt is order'd that the Book-keeper do make up the Accompt, & that itt bee paid accordingly, as also the appointed Commission to the President and Second.

Concerning the Siam Ship att Acheen.

Siam ship att Acheen bound for Pullicherry.

Rochester to ride off Coodaloor to Seize her.

Her goods to be continued aboard till her return.

If she misses her to bring our goods from the Southward.

The Governour having recd a Letter from Capt Batten att Acheen advising that a Ship arrived there from Siam, under French coulors, about 400 Tonns, 18 Gunns, and 12 Europeans, & notwithstanding they produced a Bill of Sale, that She was bought by the French of the Portugues, but upon enquiry he was enform-ed by the Seamen that She belonged to the King of Siam, as also the goods on board her, & that he intended to have taken her, but that the Shabander att Acheen declared, that if hee offered to meddle or use any hostillity in their Road, he would have Satisfaction from the English ashoar, which prevented his Seizing her in that place, but that hee intended to wait her departure, She being bound for Pullicherry, but least that he Should fail in his enterprise, she being a large Ship, well man'd and Gun'd, and being Satisfied here, that, that very Ship did belong to the King of Siam, and went under the name of the Eagle, with a black Spread Eagle on her Stern, which gives us great reason to beleive, that the French Coulors, are only a pretence to Save her from our Seizure, Itt is therefore order'd that the Rochester do immediatly Sail for Coodaloor, and ride there in expectation of her from Acheen, that he Seize and bring her hither, to be examined by the Court of Admiralty, and accordingly bee disposed, and for the more expedition, Itt is order'd that what goods she brought from Bengall, bee continued on board till her return, and that if he misses of her, that she then bring our goods from Portonovo, Coodaloor and Conimeer, to Secure them from the dangers and troubles of the Country.

Souldiers wives to have half their husbands Musshire.

The Souldiers that are gone upon the Severall expeditions leaving their wives and families very poor, whose necessities have been very importunate with us for half of their husbands Musshire, which was promised them upon their departure and is now order'd to bee paid them.

Orders to Capt Brumwell. Generall to Coodaloor. Letter to Mogulls Generall. Delivered to Capt Brumwell his Orders.

Orders to Capt John Brumwell in the abovesaid expedition, Generall to Coodaloor ordring them to lade what goods they had att Portonovo and there, as also what Chenam and firewood they had by them, or could Speedily procure on board the Rochester, And a friendly Letter from the President to Mahomed Sadick the Mogulls Generall att Conjeveron all dated this day read and past, and the Orders deliver'd to Capt Brumwell, a coppy whereof is enter'd next after this Consultation.

ELIHU YALE. R: FFREEMAN.
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J. BIGGS. NAT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STABLES Secry. JOHN LITTLETON. WILL: FRASER.

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To Capt JOHN BRUMWELL
COMMANDER OF SHIP ROCHESTER.

Whereas you have recd his Majesty the King of Englands Commission, authorizing & impowering you to bee aiding & assisting to the Rt Honble English East India Compa in making Warr against the Mogull & King of Siam, wherein you are to observe and follow such orders, as you shall from time to time receive from the Said East India Compa their Generall, Presidents, Agents & Councills in the East Indies, Wee therefore the President and Councill of Fort St George doe hereby order you upon receipt hereof, to repair aboard your Ship Rochester, & the first oppertunity of Wind and Weather presenting to weigh Anchor, & Set Sail, bending your Course for the Speediest attaining of the Port of Coodaloor, where you are to ride in twenty fatham water, in expectation of a Ship and lading of the King of Siams, under French coulors, who in probabillity must pass you, being designed from Acheen to Pullicherry, formerly called the Eagle, with the black Spread Eagle in her Stern, (as ℘ a Paragraph in a Letter from Capt Thomas Batten att Acheen, a coppy whereof is herewith delivered you, wherein you will att large bee enformed concerning Said Ship and lading) and if you should have the good fortune to light upon her, either as you are in Said Road, or in your passage thether, you are then to Seiz her, and bring her to this Port, to bee examined by the Court[of]Admiralty, the Same you are to do, to any Ship you Shall Suspect to belong to the Said King of Siam, or his Subjects, But if you do not See her, in twenty dayes after your arrivall, then to take in the Rt Honble Compas goods att Portonovo & Coodaloor, as also att Conimeer, So wishing you good Success Wee date these Presents att Fort St George the 3d day of March 168⅞. Coppy Capt Brumwells orders.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
ROBT FREEMAN.
THOMAS WAVELL.
NATH. HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.

Ship Frances Thomas Bowrey Master arrived from Portonovo. 4. Ship Frances from Portonovo.

Th[is] morning early Ship Rochester Capt John Brumwell Commander Sailed for Coodaloor. 5. Rochester for Coodaloor.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 5.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR

The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

The President read his Cash Book for the month of Februry which was past in Councill the ballance remaining examined being ... ... P 35 : 25 : 0 : Cash Acct for February.

The Register of the Court brought in a List of the Actions depending according to order, which was perused by the Councill. List of Actions dd.

The Storekeeper Mr Thomas Wavell read his accts of Stores bought Sold & expended for the month of January, which was past in Councill. [Store] keepers acct for January.

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[Liev]t Leslie Petitions to bee dis]charged from his employ. [The] answer deferr'd till next meeting.

Lievt James Leslie delivering in his Petition to bee discharged from his imployment, in the Rt Honble Compas Service, having Served his covenanted time, the same was perused, & deferr'd till next meeting to give him an answer.

Charges in taking the Pirats to be deducted.

Order'd that before the mony taken with the Pirats, bee devided amongst the loosers, that the charges in Sending to Sadraspatam to take them, be first deducted.

Mr Pownsets complaints against him read. To give Security for his appearance & return for England.

Mr John Pownsett being arrived upon Ship Rochester was called before the Councill & the complaints from the Agent &ca in the Bay read to him but he being by them Sent home to England, & the Attestation gone thether by Capt Nicholson, wee shall confirm the Same order, & therefore not meddle with a further examination, but continue him a Prisoner, till he Shall give Security for his personall appearance and return for England.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R: FFREEMAN.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STABLES Secry. WILL: FRASER.

5.
News from Mr Hodges att Siam.

Mr William Hodges in a Letter to Mr John Littleton, and Mr John Styleman, dated in Levo the 12th Decemr 1687, advises them, that he was in hopes they should bee dismissed, as Soon as the French Embassador was gone, whose Stay he thought might bee ten dayes longer, that hee Supposes they have heard of the Sad murder of the English att Mergen, but believs not much (or any thing) of truth, hee having made itt his business, upon the place, yet knew not well what to advise, the most agree that there was killed 33 English & 20 Portugues, that Mr Phaulkon had promised to Shew him a Letter, Signed by Cropley, Triggs and t[wo] English men more, which advised that Mr White & Mr Burnaby designed to make their escape in Mr Whites Ship, which occation'd Orders to be Sent to the Oyer or Syam Governr to prevent the Same, that Mr White had advised, that there was ten English Ships coming against Mergen, So that he had long before recd orders, to deface the place, & goe to Siam, Since he thought itt impossible to defend itt from the English, as he had advised, that Capt Weltden taking Mr Whites Ship out of the Road, made the Oyer consult, with Some rascally Dutch men, & hee was afraid that Cropley was privy to the design of killing Mr White & Mr Burnaby, which when performed, by a parcell of people made drunk & madd, proceeded without any other consideration, then the more they murder'd, the more would bee their proffit, that the Oyer was then in Levo, & hee was informed, that when brought to examination, his flesh is to bee pinched off with hot Irons, that there was one Dutch man, & Severall of the Natives there in Prison, that they bring them up, but by two or three att a time, to prevent a further disturbance, that the King was extreamly grieved, & was resolved that all that had a hand in the murder, Should Suffer, that there was att M[er]g[en], five Compas of French, and Above 300 disciplin'd Siammers. He desires to bee excused to the President & Councill, that he had not paid his respects in writing, but that when he came to Madras, hee would acquaint them the reasons of itt, That had just then the certain news, that Cropley had been att Levo 15 days, & kept a close Prisoner, that when the French are dispatcht, they shall know what they have to trust to, but he fears not, being civilly treated as can expect, That he had Seen the King of Siam's Declaration of Warrs, against the Rt Honble East India Compa & their Servants, Liberty to all freemen, that are English, That by these

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French Ships, the King of Siam Sends home, his greivance against our R[t] Hon[ble] Masters, & their Servants, & referrs himself to the King of Englands determination.

French Peons from Pullicherry in their way hither att Marcawnum about 12 miles on this Side Conimeer, found a party of Sevagees forces & Polligars, who had been engaged & killed ten on each Side, that they had Sent to the Chief of Conimeer, to lend them Pag[o] 500 each, but were denied, that they kept Strict guard att the Factory & in the Town not knowing what design they may have to plunder the place. News of Sevagees forces & Some Polligars engagment.

6. Rec[d] a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 2[d] Ins[t] with the Coodaloor & Portonovo Merchants Acc[ts] Curr[t] and desire Pag[o] 20000 to carry on their Investments, without which they will not go on currantly, nor goods come in for an early Ship, as also Some paper, Rec[d] also a Letter from Ebraim Cawn, from Arrealoor, to M[r] Nicks, wherin hee desires that Some trusty person, might bee Sent up to him, to whom hee would discourse Something, that he had to Say, & declare his intentions. Generall &ca from Coodaloor. Letter from Ebraim Cawn.

Ship James Henry Burton Master arrived from Pegu, who acquaints us, that now the English may Settle there, upon what tearms they desire, & brought Letters from the Chief Minister of State, and the Governours of Sirian to the President. Ship James arrived from Pegu. Letters from the Chief Ministers of State there.

7. Ship Trevicane Nicholas Wesbary Master Sailed for Acheen. Ship Trevicane for Acheen.

Rec[d] a Letter from M[r] Daniell Chardin, dated att Bagnagar the $\frac{11}{21}$ Febru[ry] 168⅞ to the President, advising that the Mogull was Still going forward to Viziapore, & Sent all his Army against Sidimassan, that an Embassador was expected there every day, from Palliacat, to get the Mogulls Phirmaund, that the Dutch had been to wait upon Nabob Rowaloo Cawn, that there was no trading, they having not yet Seen one Stone, every body hiding their Diamonds and mony, that they had Sold their Silver for Pag[o] 6¼ ℔ Seer, and that our Vakeel Coje Abanus was gone with the Mogull. Letter from monsr Chardin. [Ne]ws from Gulcondah.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 8.

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M[R] JOHN GRAY S[R] JOHN BIGGS
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON M[R] ROBERT FREEMAN
M[R] THOMAS WAVELL M[R] NATH. HIGGINSON
M[R] WILLIAM FRASER.

Receiving advices from Coodaloor that the Pag[o] 10000 lately Sent them was not Sufficient to carry on their Investments, nor Satisfie their Merchants, in proportion to the Europe goods delivered them, but wee having no more mony to Spare, before itt arrives from England or Persia, Itt is order'd that if the Merchants, will not Credit us for the remainder of the Contract, that they make up Accompts, & receive no further goods from them upon Said Contract, And one Ebraim Cawn, Son to Seer Cawn, a late considerable Govern[r] in the Chingee Country, having wrot a kind letter to the Chief of Coodaloor, to invite his corresspondance, desiring him to Send up a trusty person to him, to treat with about Some Secret business, Itt is order'd that their Conicoply formerly Servant to Seer Cawn, bee Sent up to him as privatly as possibly with a Small present, he being design'd to Succeed his father in the Government of Coodaloor, And a Gen[ll] to Coodaloor of the Same import read and past. Concerning the Coodaloor Investmt. Concerning Ebraim Cawn's Letter. A Generall to Coodaloor.

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Mint Acct for February.

The Mintmaster Mr Thomas Wavell read his Accts of the Mintage duties of particular persons Gold coyned in the month of February which was past in Councill Pag° 32292 : 18 att ½ ℘ Cent P 161 : 16½.

Warehous acct for December.

The Warehouskeeper Mr John Littleton read his Book of Accts for the month of December which was past in Councill.

P 1000 to bee paid Mr Higginson.

Order'd that Pag° 1000 bee paid Mr Nathaniell Higginson pay master generall to defray Charges Garrison &ca.

Rules & Orders for the Customehous.

The President having drawn up Rules & Orders for the better managment of the Customehouse, & the Severall Offices therin, itt was read & approved by the Councill, & order'd to bee engrost, & made into Portugues Moors, & Gentue, & hung upon boards in the Customehous, that all Merchants may bee Satisfied, what duties and fees they are to pay Vizt.

Orders & Rules to bee observed in the Customehouse by the Officers &cA VizT.

What Custome An English to pay.

That all English as well [as] the Rt Honble Compas Servants, as freemen, do duly pay four ℘ Cent upon the vallue of all goods, imported or exported by Sea, (Jewells & Treasure excepted) & that all Such goods having once paid Custome, are free to bee Sent up the Country, or exported without any further charge, to the proprietors, provided itt bee done, within the tearm of one year.

What to be paid by all Forreigners.

That all French, Dutch, Portugues, & all other Forreigners & Natives do pay Six ℘ Cent upon the true vallue of all goods imported or exported by Sea (Jewells & Treasure excepted) as also the usuall Small duty to the Pedda Naigue & Town Conicoply, and that Such goods, having once paid the aforesaid Custome, the proprietors may within twelve months, freely Ship them off, or Send them up the Country, without further charge.

What for goods traverst.

That all goods traverst aboard any Ship in this Road, Shall pay the half Custome, But that all Such goods, as Shall bee brought to this Port, & continued aboard Ship, without alteration, shall pay no duty, but the Same Ship that brought them, shall have full liberty to carry them away.

Of goods continued aboard Ship.

The entry of all Vessells.

That all Captains, Masters & Pilots, of all Ships, Vessells & Boats do upon their arrivall, make entry of their Severall Vesells, their names, burdens, men, guns, cargo, & from whence they came, with the marks & numbers of the goods aboard them, & as much of their contents as they know, & to whom they belong or are consigned.

Anchoridge to bee paid.

That all Ships Vessells & Boats do before they depart the Road duly pay the following Anchoridge duty to the Customer each Monsoon or Six months voyage Vizt.

All English Ships that are 200 Tons or upwards ...	Pag° Nine.
All Ships under 200 Tons	Pag° Six.
All Country Ships that are 100 Tons or upwards ...	Pag° Five.
All Ships under 100 Tons	Pag° Three.
All Sloops & Ketches	Pag° Two.
All great Boats	Pag° One.
All Small Boats	half a Pagoda.

Customehouse howers.

The Customehous howers for business, are from Eight in the morning, to Eleven, and from two to four in the evening, but one always to bee there.

The Officers of the Customehous their severall Stations & Employments Viz T.

The Sea Customers Charge.

Entry to bee brought to the Chief Customer.

All entries both of importation & exportation are first to bee brought to the Chief Customer, who is to peruse, & rate the goods particularly, according to the price currant of the Buzar, Signing the Same entry & acct which is to bee delivered to the Receiver, after the Customer, has enter'd itt in his Register.

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THE RECEIVERS OFFICE.

The Receiver of the Customes is to calculate & take the dutys upon Such entrys and acc^ts as Shall bee brought him from the Customer under his Sign & not otherwise, & that after he hath rec^d the Custome upon Such entries, that then he also Sign the Said entry (Registring the mony and of whom rec^d) which is to bee delivered to the Chief Searcher. Receiver to take the duty.

THE CHIEF SEARCHERS OFFICE.

The Chief Searcher is justly to examine all goods by the Entries, that Shall be brought him, Signed by the Customer and Receiver, and to Chop & pass them accordingly, otherwise not, upon loss of his employment, & Such other penalty, as Shall bee awarded by the President & Councill, & if he Shall find the quantity or quallity of goods to differ, of what mention'd in the Said Sign'd entry, & acc^t, believing itt to be done out of a willfull design, to defraud the R^t Honble Comp^a of their Customes, that he or they do Seiz & confiscate the Same, as also all other goods clandestinly design'd to defraud the Customes, One third whereof to be made good to the R^t Honble Comp^a One third to the Searchers & One third to the poor & discoverers of Such frauds, & that after he hath duly examined & past the Said goods, that he exactly files all entrys, & att the months end, or before that months acc^t is read in Councill, he compares them, with the Customer & Receiver to prevent mistakes therein. Searchers to examine all goods by the entrys. What goods Seizable.

FEES TO BEE PAID THE CUSTOMSHOUS OFFICERS. Fees to be paid the Customehous Officers.

All entrys above two hundred Pagodas to pay Viz^t.
To the Customer five fanams.
To the Searcher four fanams.
To the Receiver three fanams.

All entrys under Two hundred Pagodas to pay Viz^t.
To the Customer Three fanams.
To the Searcher Two fanams.
To the Receiver One fanam.

All Bales to pay each half a fanam ℔ diem, and other goods half a fanam ℔ Candy Warehous room, to the R^t Honble Comp^a and to the Storekeeper two fanams for each larg parcell of goods, and one fanam a Small, for his care thereof, during the time of their Stay there, he being responsible for all goods put into the Storehouse, and whoever takes more, then herein order'd, or shall bee defective in his duty, or wrong the R^t Honble Comp^a Shall bee expell'd the Service. Bales &ca to pay Warehous room. The Storekeepers fees. Penalty for breach of the foregoing orders.

That no person whatever do go off aboard Ship or Send off any Boat or goods without the Customers licens. No person to go aboard Ship without the Customers licens.

There being yet none of the R^t Honble Comp^as Ships arrived here to Send to Tonqueen, 'tis order'd that the following treasure & goods bee laden on board the Curtana, & consigned to Mr William Keeling &c^a Councill there, & that they return as much as they can Spare, & provide of wrought Silks upon Said Ship, att the usuall freight, if none of the R^t Honble Comp^as offers for itt. And Mr Giles Lytcott making itt his earnest petition to go to & bee Setled in that Factory, 'tis agreed that he go upon the Curtana, & upon his arrivall att Tonqueen, to bee of Councill there, next after those already Setled by the R^t Honble Comp^a and that Treasure & goods to be laden on the Curtana [a] for Tonqueen. To be consigned to the Chief and Councill there. What returns to bee made. Mr Lytcot to be of Councill there.

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Mr Walsh to go to Tonqueen.

Enoch Walsh bee also permited to go on Said Ship, to Serve the Rt Honble Compa in his Station at that Factory having petition'd for itt.

Particulars of what to be Sent to Tonqueen ℘ the Curtana.

3 Chest Silver.
2 Bales fine broad Cloath.
10 Bales broad Cloth ordinary.
5 Bales Perpetuanos fine.
10 Bales Perpetuanos ordinary.
1 Cask red Lead.
1 Box of Branch Corrall.
100 Piggs of Lead. Necessarys for building & Provissions.

Goods & treasure to bee laden on the James for Emoy. To be consigned to Mr Thomas Yale & ffrancis Willcox. Returns to be made on Ship Moulsford. Reasons for exceeding Something in this adventure.

'Tis also order'd that the following goods & treasure bee laden on Ship James for Emoy, consigned to Mr Thomas Yale & Francis Willcox, for disposall, & to return the effects, ℘ Ship Moulsford in Raw & wrought Silks, for the Rt Honble Compas acct and that if any other of their Servants arrive thether from Surat, that they advise with them therin, & the reason that wee have Something exceeded in the amt of this adventure, because wee have So much Europe goods by us, & no hopes of disposall of them, in this troublesome Country and bad time.

Particulars of what to be sent to Emoy ℘ the James.

1 Chest Silver.
2 Bales fine broad Cloth, blacks, blues, Crimsons &ca.
10 Bales broad Cloth ordinary dto Coulors.
10 Bales Cloth Rashes ordry dto.
4 Bales Perpetuanos fine dto.
6 Bales Perpetuanos ordrydto.
1 Cask red Lead.
1 Box of branch Corrall.
100 Piggs of Lead.

Lievt Leslie's Petition consider'd. Agreed that he be discharged. Commendations of him.

Lievt James Leslie's Petition was also consider'd of and he not being to bee perswaded to Serve the Rt Honble Compa longer in this Garrison, being designed home next Shiping, 'tis agreed that he bee discharged according to his desire, hee having Served near four years here and in Bengall, as Lievt & in all places & expeditions deported himself as became a Gentleman & a Souldier, and more particularly recommended by the Agent &ca in the Bay for his late good behaviour on severall occations there.

Mrs Francis Petitions to keep a publick house. Nott permitted to doe itt. To be Sent on the Royall James. An allowance to be made her out of the prizes.

Mrs Francis (wife to the late Lievt Francis kil'd att Hidgley by the Moors) being Sent hither from Bengall, very poor, She made itt her petition, that She might keep a Punch house for her maintenance, but She being a notorious bad woman, 'tis agreed that She bee not permitted to keep a publick house, lest itt bee the occation of many debaucheries & disorders, She having lived very Scandalously formerly here, 'tis therefore order'd that she go on the Royall James to the West Coast, & that according to the Rt Honble Compas order, She bee allowed something out of the proceed of the prizes, to provide her necessarys, in consideration of the loss of her husband, in the late unhappy Bengall expedition.

A Settlement Offered by the Governours att Pegu. Reasons for not accepting of itt.

The James a Country Ship being lately arrived from Pegu, brought letters to the President from Severall Governrs there, inviting us to a Settlement, upon unusuall good tearms, & priviledges, & that the King would grant us any thing, wee could reasonably desire in a Settlement there, but the Rt Honble Compa having possitivly forbid itt, wee can resolv nothing about treating thereon, till wee have better authority for itt.

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Mr Wales late Chief of Maddapollam, & Mr Brereton being dead, & all the Compas Servants of that Factory, excepting Mr Thoms Wright, who being here, brought us the Stewards acct of their expence in July, which the Accomptant is order'd to examine & report to the Councill. Madapollam Stewards acct of Expences for July to be examined.

Genll to Conimeer dated this day read & past, ordring them to lade what Bales, Chenam & Billet wood they could procure, upon the Rochester, when she came there, in her way hither from Coodaloor. Generall to Conimeer. To lade their Bales &ca on the Rochester.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J : BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R. FFREEMAN.
THO : WAVELL.
NAT : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

9 French Peons from Pullicherry give the following accompt. That Conimeer Factory is att present under Some trouble, 50 horse & 100 Peons belonging to that Government, Stoping all provissions coming to them, the reason as they hear is for mounting great Gunns upon their Gates for the Security of the Factory, in these troublesome times, which they would have taken down, but as yet the Chief &ca have advised us nothing about itt. Conimeer Factory in some trouble

This day Mr Thomas Lucas became Security for Mr John Pownset's appearance, & both Signed bond, in Pago 10000 So hee had his liberty. Mr Pownset gives Security & had his liberty.

Our Spie Peons from Conjeveron give the following accompt, That Eachuma Naigue with a party of 2000 horse & 4000 foot of the Mogulls forces, marching towards Sevagees forces att Wandawasse, had encounter'd them, & in the conclusion found they had each Suffer'd alike, which the Mogulls Generall Mahomed Saudeck having advice of, Sett out with the remainder of the forces from Conjeveron to his assistance, but no news what has happened Since. News from Conjeveron.

The Polligar to whom the President lately wrot about the lost Surat Letters, having by his great care & trouble found them, & Sending them hither, by his Egib & 5 more of his own Servants, entertaining our Braminee & Peons Sent to him very civilly, & writing a kind Letter to the President, itt is thought convenient to Send him a Small Present in return of his kindness, The Letters recd were all open, & are as followeth Vizt Coppy of a Generall from his Exellcy &ca att Bombay dated Ultmo Novemr 1687 giving an acct of the Shiping in those parts, what prizes they had taken, & how the Rt Honble Compas affairs Stood there, A Generall from Mr Shaxton & Mr Clifton, dated att Carwar the 15th Decemr last, giving an acct of the Bengall Merchants arrivall there, & their going on her to Mangelore, for the more Speedy putting in execution their orders, & that by her they shall write more att large, also two particular Letters to the President, & one to Doctr Heathfeild. The lost Surat Letters found & sent hither. Genll from Mr Shaxton and Mr Clyfton. Particular letters recd.

10 A Pass given to Ship Mamoodee belonging to Mackhadum Neena Inhabitant of Fort St George, Checca Neena Master bound for Acheen. Pass to Ship Mamoodee.

Ship Frances Thomas Bowrey Master Sailed for Acheen. Ship Francis for Acheen.

A Letter from the President to the Polligar, that Sent the lost Surat Letters dated this day approved and Signed, giving him thanks for his kindness therein. Letter to Polligar.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 12.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY — S^R JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON — MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL — MR NATH. HIGGINSON
Mr WILLIAM FRASER.

List of Actions depending. The Register brought in an acc^t of the Actions depending in Court, which was perused by the Councill.

Lost Letters from Surat read. The lost Letters from Surat, lately rec^d was read, and itt is order'd, that what therein is for us practicable, bee observed, and that the Judge of the Admiralty do prepare his opinion, about Seizing the Enemies goods from free Ships.

Warehous acct for January. The Warehouskeeper Mr John Littleton read his Book of acc^ts for the month of January which was past in Councill.

Paymasters acct for December. The Paymaster generall Mr Nathaniell Higginson read his book of acc^ts for the month of December, which was past in Councill as followeth.

Charges Garrison	Pag^o	1000 : 05 : 3
Charges Generall	„	666 : 24 : 0
Charges Diett	„	268 : 20 : 3
Charges Extraordinary	„	67 : 14 : 3
Charges Cattle	„	33 : 14 : 0
Charges Merchandise	„	30 : 02 : 3
Acc^t Fortifications & Repairs	„	127 : 09 : 0
West Coast	„	4 : 23 : 0
Expedition to Bengall	„	44 : 35 : 0
Expedition to Tenasseree	„	201 : 04 : 0
	Pag^s	2444 : 08 : 0

A Present to be sent the Polligar that found and sent the lost Surat Letters. In consideration of the great care and trouble the Polligar (to whom the President lately wrote) took in finding and Sending the lost Surat Letters hither, by his own Egib & five Servants, and of the kind Letter hee wrot to the President, as also his civill entertainment, of our Braminee, & Peons sent to him, Itt is order'd that a Small Present bee Sent him, in return thereof, hee being a great man in those parts, & may oblige his care on the like occation, & engage his assistance to our Merchants, in their business under his government, & that his people bee civilly treated during their Stay here.

ELIHU YALE.
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JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

12. Ship Mamoodee for Acheen. Ship Mamoodee Checca Neena Master Sailed for Acheen.

Generall from Conimeer. Rec^d a Generall from Conimeer, dated the 10th Ins^t giving an acc^t of their dispute with the Governour, about their great Guns mounted on their Gates, of

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their getting the better of him, & of the particular affairs in those parts, Also a Letter from Harja Raja to Mr Willcox, advising him, to make themselves Strong, & another from Harja Raja, to Sounde Bollogie & to Adam Cawn, ordring them not to disturb the Factory. Letters from Maha Raja.

Sloop Sophia, which was driven out of this Road, in last Octr storm, arrived here, having faln in with Zeloan, & there remained till the Monsoon Served to come hither. 13 Sloop Sophia from Zeloan.

A Pass given to Sloop Salam Mattaras, belonging to Mirzam Maus[um], Mahomoodu Woosen Master, bound for Bengall. 14 Pass to Sloop Salam Mattaras.

Att a Consultation

Present

Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governour — Thursday 15.
Mr John Gray — Sr John Biggs
Mr — Mr
Mr Thomas Wavell — Mr Nath. Higginson
Mr William Fraser.

Mr Littleton att the Mount, Mr Freeman duly Summon'd.

Generall to Conimeer dated this day read & past, ordring them if possible to procure Maha Raja, & the Chief Soobidars Cowl, for our Fortifying & a free trade, which probably may bee granted, now the Mogull is likely to conquer that Country, & that they get what goods they can in readiness for the Rochester, which is order'd to call there, in her way from Coodaloor. Generall to Conimeer to procure Maha Raja &cas Cowl. To get their goods in a readiness for Ship Roochester.

Upon further consideration, that the Rt Honble Compa advise, they intend to Send no Ship this year to Tonqueen, & wee having Silver by us, which wee cannot att present dispose of well, & their Honrs being very desirous of those goods, Itt is agreed that three Chests more of Silver bee added to that Stock by the Curtana, if she proceeds on that voyage to Tonqueen, she being an able, well fitted Ship, & having much Europe goods by us, which the Warrs & troubles in the Country, will not permit us to dispose of, & the Rt Honble Compa having given us order in their Generall, to Send £2000 upon any good Ship & voyage, as wee Shall think convenient Itt is therefore order'd that the Same Stock, bee also laden upon Ship Moulsford for Emoy in China, as is appointed for Ship James Vizt. Of the Rt Honble Compas not Sending a ship this year to Tonqueen. Three Chests of Silver more to bee Sent ℔ the Curtana. Europe goods not disposable here. The Rt Honble Compas orders. A Cargo to be Sent to Emoy ℔ the Moulsford.

Particulars of Said Cargo.

- 1 Chest of Silver.
- 2 Bales fine broad Cloth, blacks, blues, Crimsons &ca.
- 10 Bales broad Cloth ordinary ditto Coulors.
- 10 Bales Cloth Rashes ordinary dto.
- 4 Bales Perpetuanos fine dto.
- 6 Bales Perpetuanos ordinary dto.
- 1 Cask red Lead.
- 1 Box of Branch Corrall.
- 100 Piggs of Lead.

The Chineeses lately arrived here from Emoy, being desirous to go to Conjeveron, to See a Pagoda, built by their Anchestors, to enquire into the antiquity of itt, that they may report itt to their King & Master, Itt is order'd that a Provission to be made for the Chinamen to go to Conjeveron.

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Pallenkeen, & other necessarys bee provided for their Journey thether, Since our courteous entertaining them, may bee a great obligation, upon the Chinees Government, to encourage our trade thether, and theirs to this place.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R: FFREEMAN.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

15. *Letter from Monsr Chardin. News from Gulcondah.* *News from Suratt.*

Recd a Letter from Monsr Chardin dated att Bagnagar 27 ffebruary / 8 March $168\frac{7}{8}$ advising that the Mogull, had Sent a Letter in great hast to Nabob Mahobat Cawn, which is commonly reported is to recall him to his Nabobship, that the Dutch & French have endeavoured to gett the Mogulls Phirmaund, but as yet not effected, that trade still continues dead as itt was, that the Mogull had Sent the King of Gulcondah to the Fort of Calberga, & that Shaw Allam was to have his liberty, after he had taken the Oath of Allegiance to his father. And in the Postscript to Said Letter, adviseth that hee had just then recd Letters from Surat, which Say that the Governr of Surat had Sent to Bombay to make an agreement, & that the Generall was to go to Swally in two or three dayes about itt.

16. *Sloop Speedwell with Mr Brown & Mr Charleton from Vizagapatam.*

Sl[oop] Speedwell John Knowlman Master arrived from Vizagapatam & on her Mr Richard Browne & Mr Francis Charleton.

Ship Phenix from Acheen. Letter from Capt Batten.

Ship Phenix Manuell Mendis de Livera Master arrived from Acheen, & by her a Letter from Capt Thomas Batten, dated 19th Febry $168\frac{7}{8}$ giving an acct, that hee durst not meddle with the Siam Ship in that Road, but would wait her Sailing thence.

Letter from Capt Bromwell. About a Ship Stopt by him under French Coulors.

Recd a Letter from Capt Bromwell dated on board Ship Rochester riding off Coodaloor the 15th Inst advising that hee had met with a Ship under French Coulors, which had discharged her lading att Pullicherry & was bound to Portonovo, the men most got ashoar in their boat, but by those left he had said information, that she had been in his posession four dayes, & if no body came to demand her, hee would lade the Rt Honble Compas wood upon her, & Send her hither.

17. *Pass to Sloop Mamoodee.*

A Pass given to Sloop Mamoodee belonging to Mr Robert Freeman one of the Councill att Fort St George Mamoodee Woosen Master bound to Carricoll.

Generall from Coodaloor.

Recd á Generall from Coodaloor dated 13th Inst advising that they had examined their Warehous acct att Portonovo, & could not find an error of a Bale therein, that Capt Spencer Sign'd his Bills of Lading without any objection, that they thought itt was not a convenient time, to discourse their Merchants about the Intrest allowed them, nor of the Cloth lost att the Washers, least itt might hinder the bringing in their Investment & advance for the next Ship, that Mr Davis when he contracted with them, did agree, that the Cloth lost att the Washers should not bee on their acct that they heard by a Ship from Acheen, that the Siam Ship there, would not Sail thence in Some time, that the Rochester had detained a Ship under French Coulors, which they hear belongs to Some Chuliars att Portonovo & a French man, but could find no writings aboard, to understand the truth thereof,

Of Capt Bromwells Stoping a Ship under ffrench Coulors. Letter from Monsr Martin to Coodaloor about said Ship.

that they had reced a Letter from Monsr Martin Directore att Pullicherry (which they Send herewith, dated $\frac{1}{2}\frac{3}{3}$ Inst) who owns her to belong to the French Compa as hired by them of Some Chuliars att Portonovo upon freight, that they would bee as

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private in their correspondance with Ebraim Cawn as possible & Send us Coppy of their Diary, Consultations & Acc^{t} Cash, for the mth of February, & Pursers acc^{ts} for the months of December and January.

Diary Consultations &ca recd.

Rec^{d} a Letter from Monsr Martin att Pullicherry dated $\frac{1}{2}\frac{5}{5}$ Ins^{t} wherein he gives an acc^{t} of Capt Bromwell's taking a Country Ship under French Coulors, which hee assures us belongs to Some Chuliars att Portonovo in amity with us, & hired of them upon freight for the French Comp^{as} Service.

Letter from Monsr Marti of the above said Ship.

Rec^{d} a Letter from Capt Bromwell dated in Coodaloor Road the 11th Ins^{t} advising that passing Pullicherry Road, he Saw two Ships riding there, which hee had acquainted Mr Nicks with, to make enquiry concerning them.

Letter from Capt Bromwell.

18. The Saphir Frigat Capt Thomas Lacy Commander arrived from Bengall, & brought a Packett from thence which contained Viz^{t} Bengall Generall to the Fort, & another to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} both dated 16th Febru^{ry} 168$\frac{7}{8}$ Invoyce and Bill of Lading for goods sent on the Saphir Frigat. List of Prize goods on board the Katharina when taken. An acc^{t} of what things taken out of Don João Ship (these two last delivered to the Judge of the Admiralty) Coppy of Capt Bromwells Letter to the Agent &c^{a} dated the 4th March 168$\frac{6}{7}$ Capt March his Attestation dated 6th Febru^{ry} 168$\frac{7}{8}$ Coppy of a Protest against Capt Consett. Coppy of Capt Consett's Protest against the Agent &c^{a} Coppy of Ship Berkley Castles Invoyce dated 12th March 168$\frac{6}{7}$ Attestation of words Spoaken by Capt Consett. Coppy of a paper of Mr Haggerstones to indemnifie the Comp^{a} Coppy of a paper given to Haggerstone by the Agent &c^{a} Invoyce of the Gold bought on an acc^{t} of Mr Richards Child. List of Stores wanting in Bengall. List of the Packett.

Saphir Frigat from Bengall. Packett by her from thence.

18. Mahomed Sadeeck the Cierkell of this Country, & Second to the Generall, having Sent a Letter to the President by Mahomed Zaffer the Chief Governour of St Thomá, Palliacat and Armagon, under him, which he desired hee might deliver this day, his occations obliging him to depart tomorrow morning, & finding itt not to bee avoided, he was order'd to come in the evening, when he delivered Said Letter, whose contents is Viz^{t} That he understood Some of the Duans Servants had Shelter'd themselves in Madras, & desired that they might bee turned out of Town, & that if Mahomed Zaffer, should demand any of them, they might bee delivered, which would Secure us from any future demands, which was all he had to Say; & upon discourse with him, find that itt was generally believed, that our old friend Mahomett Ebrahim, was Sent for by the Mogull to his Nabobship att Gulcondah, & that under him (Mahomed Zaffer) was Mellick Mahomed Govern^{r} of St Thomá, & Mahomed Cassim Govern^{r} of Palliacat, which being the materiall news, he was Saluted with Seven peeces of Ordnance to his wellcome, & his Masters health, & presented with 5 yards of fine Scarlett, & a Fowling peece, & the St Thomá Governour with yards 2$\frac{1}{2}$ of fine Scarlett, So with Beetle & Rose water dismist them.

Letter from Mahomed Sadeeck.

The Contents of Said Letter.

Mahomed Zaffer discoursed.

Tasherift and dismissed.

19. Mr Richard Browne Chief of Vizagapatam delivers the following particulars Viz^{t}.

Books &ca delivered by Mr Brown.

Journall & Leidger C begun ꝑ^{mo} May 1685 ending 30th Aprill 1686.
Journall & Leidger D begun ꝑ^{mo} May 1686 ending 31th July 1687.
Stewards Expence book begun ꝑ^{mo} Jan^{ry} 168$\frac{6}{7}$ ending 31th Dece^{r} 1687.
Cash Book begun ꝑ^{mo} August 1687 ending 31th Janua^{ry} 168$\frac{7}{8}$.
Invoyce of 94 Bales of Callicoes by the Beaufort dated 20th Jan^{ry} 168$\frac{7}{8}$.
Invoyce of Treasure & Gold & Silver Thread ꝑ Sloop Speedwell.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 19.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY SR
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

The whole Councill being duly summon'd.

No error in lading the bales att Coodaloor on the Madras Frigat. To be Strictly examin'd here.

Perusing the Generall from Coodaloor dated the 13th Instant, wee find they still affirm that the Bales laden there on board the Madras Frigat, were all right according to Invoyce & Bill of Lading, & that the mistake must bee here, in Capt Spencers delivering or Capt Nicholsons receiving the goods aboard, which the Warehouskeeper is order'd more Strictly to examine, that the Rt Honble Compa may have Satisfaction for itt.

Mr. Brown to give answer to the Merchants charge. Hee kept noe Diary. Treasure &ca to be landed out of Sloop Speedwell.

Mr Richard Brown being arrived upon his Sloop from Vizagapatam he was Sent for to the Councill, & acquainted that hee must give answer to the Merchants charge against him, which is order'd to bee delivered for his perusall, & being demanded to deliver in his Letter Books Consultations & Diary, he answered that being alone att the Factory, hee kept no Diary, & itt is order'd that the Treasure & Gold & Silver-Thread, he brought with him from Vizagapatam, in Said Sloop be taken ashoar.

Bales ℘ Saphir Frigat to be brought ashoar. If any damaged to bee cured. Papers to be coppied for England and Surat. Capt Bromwell to be examined. A Chirurgeon & Medicines to bee sent to Bengall.

The Bengall Genll recd ℘ the Saphir Frigat perused, & the Bales order'd to bee brought ashoar, with all expedition, the Commander acquainting us, that hee fears there may bee Some damaged, wch the Warehouskeeper is order'd to enquire into, & cure if he find So, Itt is also order'd that the Severall complaints, Protests, and Attestations against the Severall Europe Commanders, bee coppied for England, and Surat, & that examination bee made of what concernes Capt Bromwell therein, and the Storekeeper is order'd to provide what of the Stores hee can, that they write for, & that a Chirurgeon, with what medicines can bee got, bee Sent by the first oppertunity to Bengall, according to their desire.

Saphir Frigat to go to Tonqueen Cargo designed for the Curtana to bee laden on her. To bee well man'd & fitted. Permission to lade Silver & to have returnes in Gold & Musk. Or other goods in return to fill her up.

The Saphir Frigat being now arrived with us from Bengall, & a very fitting Ship for the Tonqueen voyage, Itt is order'd that the goods which were designed upon the Curtana thether, bee now laden on the Saphir, & that she proceed on that voyage, & that the Paymaster, and Storekeeper, take care that She bee well man'd & fitted, & that publick notice bee given by a Bill upon the Gates, (as enter'd next after this Consultation) that all persons may bee free, to lade what Silver they will upon her, & to receive their returnes in Gold or Musk att 10 ℔ Ct freight, or in case that wee have not sufficient Stock to lade her upon the Rt Honble Compas acct att Tonqueen, that then they permitt any person to lade what Raw or wrought Silk Sufficient to fill her up, att the accustomary freight of 15 ℔ Ct.

Concerning the Ship with French Coulors Stopt by Capt Bromwell.

Capt John Bromwell having Stopt and detained a Country Ship under French Coulors att Coodaloor, which Monsr Martin Directore att Pullicherry, having by Letter assured us that She belongs to Some Chuliar Merchants of Portonovo, in amity with us, and hired of them upon freight, for the French Compas accompt, & Capt Bromwell finding no proof to the contrary, or any that She belongs to our

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Enemies the Siamers,'tis order'd that she and what appertains to her, bee released, and that the Governour answers the french letter accordingly. Orderd to bee released.

The Rochester being att Coodaloor 'tis order'd that the Chief &ca do lade what Grain and Oyle Seeds they can procure there, to the amt of a Thousand Pagodas, which Sum̃e is order'd to be Sent them overland, Also Hoggs and other provisions, all things being very Scarce & dear here, and likely to bee worse, the Mogulls & Marettaes Armys, plundering and destroying all they can. Grain &ca to be laden on the Rochester att Coodaloor. P 1000 to be Sent for that purpose A Great Scarcity here.

ELIHU YALE.	R : FFREEMAN.
JOHN GRAY.	THO : WAVELL.
J. BIGGS.	NAT : HIGGINSON.
JOHN LITTLETON.	WILL : FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

These are to give notice to all persons that the Saphir Frigat Capt Thomas Lacy Commander will Sail (by the Almighties permission) for Tonqueen in 20 dayes, & that whoever is desirous may lade on her for Said place, what Silver they please, & to receive their returnes in Gold or Musk att 10 ℔ Ct freight, Dated in Fort St George the 19th day of March 168⅞. Paper of the Saphir Frigats going to Tonqueen.

By order of the President & Councill.
JOHN STABLES Secry.

Generalls to Coodaloor and to Capt John Bromwell with a Letter to Monsr Martin Directore att Pullicherry, from the President, the contents as agreed upon yesterdays Consultation, and a Letter to Mahomed Sadeek, the Ceerkell of this Country, all dated this day approved and Signed, and Pago 1000 Sent overland to Coodaloor. 20. Genlls &ca about the Ship with French Coulors. Letter to Mahomed Sadeek. P1000 Sent to Coodaloor.

Recd a Letter from Mr William Hodges and Mr John Hill dated att Bankoke the 2d of November 1687 giving an acct of their arrivall att Mergen and going to Siam, and that by the first good oppertunity, they 'l give a full acct of affairs in those parts, and that Mr Phaulkon had prepared a house for them, being in daly expectation of their coming. Letter from Mr William Hodges & Mr John Hill.

Recd a Letter from the Madapollam Braminee, advising the affairs in those parts, that Hassumbeague, was Governour of that, & Gingerlee Country, as farr as Chekacull, that the Dutch were turned out of the Government att Pollicull, which was now under Hassumbeague, who had put the Chief Dutch Merchants & Banians into Prison att Penugundah, that Hassumbeague was designed to vissit those parts, & so return to Gingerlee, that the Braminee had recd the Pago 80 Sent him, & excuses his coming hither, the wayes being dangerous, & his Stay necessary to look after the Rt Honble Compas concernes in the Factory, these troublesome times, that Paddy was risen from Pago 5 ℔ Candy to 12, that those who were able, were gone to Gingerlee, and that the new Government daily torments the Inhabitants for mony. 21. Letter from Madapollam Braminee.

Recd a Letter from the Madapollam Merchants the contents of the Same import as the Braminees. Letter from Madapollam Merchts.

Recd a Letter from the Pettepollee Dubas & Braminee, advising to have taken the Rt Honble Compas things out of Bobba's house, & put them into a Godown, att Pago 2 ℔ month, to commence from the 22th of last month, there being no Boats procurable, to carry them to Metchlepatam, & that what was due to Bobba for rent, hee desires may bee paid to his people. Letter from the Pettepollee Dubass and Braminee.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 22.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY   SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON   MR ROBERT FREEMEN
MR THOMAS WAVELL   MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Mr DuBois orderd to the Custome-house.

Orderd that Mr Daniell Du Bois do Supply Mr Litcott's place in the Custome-house & that hee dilligently discharge his duty therein.

Severall things discourst.

Severall things relating to the Government discourst, and given the Justices in charge for the future.

Convenient Lodgins wanting for the Rt Honble Compas Servants.
Concerning the Hospitall.

The withdrawing Severall of our Factorys having brought many of the Rt Honble Compas Servants hither for whom having no accommodation in the Fort, they are necessitated to lodg att publique houses, which has been the occation of their too great expence, & disorder, and cannot well bee prevented, without Some Suitable Lodgins bee built or hired for them, And there being a very comodious house, built by the contribution of the Town Inhabitants, for an Hospitall, to entertain Sick Souldiers and Seamen, which lying So near the Rt Honble Compas Sorting Godown, & the Church, and in the middle of the City, that 'tis very offensive, & inconveniently Scituated for that use, & its Tarras joyning to the Godown, & the great concourse of company that frequent the Hospitall, renders the Rt Honble Compas goods in danger of being Stoln, which Sometimes must unavoidably lye open in the Godown yard, & the goods often lost thence, has been Suspected to go that way, which cannot bee better prevented for the future, but by adding the Hospitall to the Godown, which the many lower Rooms therein, will bee of great conveniency & Service for China & other Sorts of fine goods, & the upper Rooms for Lodging Chambers for Factors & Writers, upon which considerations, and of its being So many Severall ways convenient & Safe for the Rt Honble Compas Service, 'tis agreed & order'd that itt bee bought of the Parish for their acct and that a new Hospitall bee built with the mony att a more convenient place, near the River Side, And Mr Higginson, Mr Fraser, Capt Bett and the Church Wardens, do make a due Survey & vallue of the Said Hospitall building, & that itt be paid for accordingly, and that the Church Wardens &ca do begin with all expedition the new Hospitall by the River.

Hospitall to bee bought.
A new Hospitall to be built.
Mr Higginson &ca to make a due Survey & vallue of the Hospitall.

Concerning the buillding att Tonqueen.
Eight Slaves to bee Sent to Tonqueen.

They advising from Tonqueen, that they are building a Factory, and that they want many materialls and assistance for itt, & labour being very dear there, 'tis hereby order'd that eight Slaves bee Sent thether, upon the Saphir Frigat for that service if they require them, or elce to continue as Marriners for the Ship.

Concerning Capt Burton.
To bee examined inthe Court of Admiralty.
Haggerston Sent to Bombay.

His Excellcy the Generall &ca having wrot us from Bombay, about Securing Capt Henry Burton for carrying away Haggerston, & his purloyn'd goods from Surat, 'tis order'd that hee bee examined by the Court of Admiralty about the Said business, & that the complaint bee there det[ermined] according to its merrit, Hearing also the principall Haggerston, is very luckely taken in Bengall, & Sent to Bombay, upon Ship Berkley Castle, where wee doubt not, hee will receive the just reward of all his villainous crimes and actions.

ELIHU YALE.	R: FFREEMAN.
JOHN GRAY.	THO: WAVELL.
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JOHN LITTLETON.	WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

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Recd a Generall from Conimeer dated 20th Inst with Letters from Harja Raja, Gradarra Pontolo, & Sevagee Pontolo, permitting them to make the Factory, as the French att Pullicherry and the Dutch att Tignapatam, upon which the Chief & Councill, desire Some force, to defend themselves, Since the Small officers of the Duan were disappointed of their vast expectations, & are combin'd against the place, & that 300 Marettaes were coming down against them, & want a Supply of mony, having not one Cash left in the Factory. 22. Generall from Conimeer.

The Ship which Capt Bromwell Stopt att Coodaloor, under French Coulors, arrived here, being Sent by him to bee examined, no demand being made of her, thô she had been in his posession ten days as ℘ a Letter from him, dated aboard Ship Rochester riding off Coodaloor 20th Inst. Ship Sent ℘ Capt Bromwell, arrived here. Letter from Capt Bromwell.

Recd a Letter from Badheulzamon Governour of Metchlepatam under Hassum beague to the President, about our resettling that Factory. 22. Letter from Metchlepatam.

The Lady Biggs having layn Sometime ill of the Small Pox deceased last night. 24. Lady Biggs deceased.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR 1688

MR JOHN GRAY SR

MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN

MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON MUNDAY 26.

MR WILLIAM FRASER.

The Merchants being come to Town overland from Vizagapatam according to our former orders to them, they were Sent for & discoursed about their mannagment of the Rt Honble Compas affairs in those parts, that the Factory had been very chargable, but little Servicable to the Rt Honble Compa & that if they intended to have us continue itt, they must take off a proportion of Europe goods & Silver, as other Merchants did, & provide better Cloth, And that their complaint against Mr Brown should bee heard, & all justice done them therein. Vizagapatam Merchants discoursed. Their complaint against Mr. Brown to bee heard.

The Register brought in a List of Actions depending in the Court, which was perused by the Councill. A List of the Actions.

A Generall Letter to Tonqueen to bee sent ℘ Saphir Frigat, giving them directions in making returnes read and past. Generall to Tonqueen.

Here being two Country Vessells bound for Bengall, and wee having order'd the Saphir Frigat for Tonqueen, & they writing us earnestly from Bengall for Ships Stores, Itt is order'd that part bee laden on board the Phenix to Supply their present occations and the rest to follow by next oppertunity. Stores to be Sent to Bengall.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R: FFREEMAN.
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NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

Ship Rebecca Capt Thomas Batten Commander arrived here from Acheen, having left the Siam Ship there, not daring to meddle with her in that Road. 26. Rebeccafrom Acheen.

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28. Ship Lyon from Ganjam. Letter from Mr. Fleetwood.

Ship Lyon Edward Mills Master arrived from Ganjam on the Coast of Gingerlee, & brought a Letter from Mr Charles ffleetwood dated there the 29th of last month, with Invoyce & Bill of Lading for 100 Gars of Paddy, laden by him on the R^{t} Hon^{le} Comp^{as} acc^{t} att 35 ℘ Cent freight.

Ship Recovery from Bengall. Padre Evans & Packett by her. Letters from Wm Bowridge.

Ship Recovery Capt John Hampton Commander arrived from Bengall & Padre Evans on her, who delivers a Packett from thence containing Generall to Fort dated 21th February $168\frac{7}{8}$ Coppy Generall to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} & to the Fort both dated 16th ffebruary $168\frac{7}{8}$ Ship Recoverys Invoyce, & List of the Packet, Also a Letter from William Bowridge dated in Hugly River 24th ffebruary $168\frac{7}{8}$ inclosing Ship Recovery's Bill of Lading.

Letters from Mahomed Sadeek.

Rec^{d} two Letters from Mahomed Sadeek, the Mogulls Generall att Wandewass, both of the Same import, desiring that what of the Duan's Officers & families remain in Madras, may bee turned out of Town, their Stay here, having been a great hindrance to the Duans business, and that none bee permitted to come into Town, without his dustick, which if observed, will bee very pleasing & acceptable to the might[y] Allumgeer.

28. Letter from Pullicherry.

Rec^{d} a Letter from Monsr Martin Directore att Pullicherry dated the 3^{d} of Aprill 1688, wherein hee writes that they were very punctuall to the amity between our Royall Kings, & did not protect any of our Enemies goods under their Coulors, & that the Ship from Siam att Acheen, was brought by the French Embassador, & laden on his acc^{t} and did not belong to the King of Siam or his subjects.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 29.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY S^{R}
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.

Ships Lyon & Recovery to be unladen. Warehouskeeper &ca to take care of the Grain. What provissions to be sold & what to bee kept. Lyons frieght to be paid. How the Rice to be disposed.

Order'd that the Lyon from the Gingerlee Coast with Paddy and the Recovery from Bengall, bee unladen with all expedition, & that the Warehouskeeper & his assistant do take particular care, in its receiving & preservation, & that itt bee put up in Secure good Godowns for that purpose, & that Eight months Stores of Oyle & Butter bee reserved for the Fort use, & the rest disposed of, itt being Scarce & dear in Town, as well to Supply the Inhabitants, as to prevent its decay & wast by long lying, and that the Lyons freight bee paid in Spetie according to Bill of Lading, & that the Rice bee kept for the Service of the Garrison, & monthly Sold only to the Souldiers, Peons & Labourers att Markett price.

Recovery to go to Bengall. Stores to be Sent to Bengall. Liberty to lade on the Recovery.

The R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Ship Recovery being arrived from Bengall Itt is order'd that she bee return'd thether in one months time, & that what Stores they write for, bee now sent on her, as also Cables & Anchors, for their Supply, hearing that the Nathaniell was likely to loos her passage to Persia, for want thereof, & that notice bee given by Bills upon the Gates, that all persons may lade on her att 5 ℘ Cent freight, as enter'd next after this Consultation.

Warehous acct for February.

The Warehouskeeper Mr John Littleton read his Book of Accompts for the month of February, which was past in Councill.

Sallary order'd to bee paid.

Orderd that the Sallary due & payable to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Servants the 25th Ins^{t} bee paid & that the Bookkeeper draw up the acc^{t} accordingly.

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Orderd that Pag° 1000 be paid Mr Nathaniell Higginson Paymaster generall to defray Charges Garrison &ca. P.1000 to bee paid Mr. Higginson.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R : FFREEMAN.
THO : WAVELL.
NAT : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

These are to give notice to all persons that Ship Recovery Capt John Hampton Commander will Sail (by the Allmighties permission) for the Bay of Bengall, in one month after the date hereof, & that whoever is desirous may lade on her for Said place, att five ℔ Cent freight, Dated in Fort St George the 29th day of March 1688. 29 Notice of Ship Recovery's Sailing for Bengall.

By order of the President & Councill.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

Letter from the President to Mahomed Sadeek the Mogulls Genll att Wandewass being in answer to two recd from him the 28th Inst that what people of the Duans in Town, should (when known of) bee order'd to return to their Severall places, being ambitious of the Mogulls favour, & his friendship. 30 Letter to Mahomed Sadeek.

Recd a Letter from Mahomed Sadeek & another from Sangana, Madananta & Anto dated att Wandawass the 27th Inst both the Same contents, desiring that the wives & families of Sangana, Madananto & Anto may remain in Town, and care taken of them. 30 Letters from Sadeek &ca.

Recd a Packett from Bombay which contained Vizt Bombay Genll to Fort St George dated 8th of last month Coppy of a Clause of a Generall Letter from the Rt Honble Compa to Surat, dated 23th March 168 6/7 Coppy of two Clauses of a Generall Letter from the Rt Honble Compa to Bombay dated 13th May 1687 Coppy of a Clause out of a Generall Letter from Bombay to the Rt Honble Compa ℔ Ship Success dated January 9th 168 7/8 Pattern of Taffety. Generall Letter from Gombroon dated att Rowdowne 14th August 1687. Generall Lettrr from the Rt Honble Compa to the Fort dated 3rd Septr 1686. Another Generall from the Rt Honble Compa dated the 6th June 1687. Sentence of Condemnation of Ship Andaluzia in the Court of Admiralty. Coppy of the Rt Honble Compas Generall Letter to Priaman dated the 26th June 1686. Coppy Agent Charnock &ca Generall Letter to Mr John Bird att Surat, dated in Hugly River the 22th December 1686. Coppy of Agent Beards Bill for Rups 2300 taken of Said Mr John Bird att 1 ℔ Cent ℔ mens Intrest for the Rt Honble Compas acct dated the 9th December 1684. Packett from Bombay.

The Governour and Councill mett and the Generall Letters from the Rt Honble Company with the other papers, as also the Generall Letter from Surat this day received were read, and the consideration referr'd till next meeting, which was order'd to bee att Mundays Consultation. Rt Honble Compa and Surat Letters perused.

Peons from Gulcondah Say that att their coming thence they called upon our Vakeel Coje Abanus, to know if hee had any Letters to Send by them hither, who answered hee was just going up to the Camp, to the Mogull, and had not time to write then, but would Send in a few dayes after them. Peons from Gulcondah.

Ship Coodaloor Merchant George Paulin Master arrived from Acheen. 31. Coodaloor Merct from Acheen.

This morning att four a Clock died Doctr John Heathfeild. APRILL 2. Doctr Heathfeild died.

Ship Sta Rose Augustin Hart Master arrived from Pegu. Sta Rose from Pegu.

MUNDAY 2.

FORT ST. GEORGE, APRILL 1688

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY S^{R}
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

The whole Councill being duly summon'd.

Paymasters acct for January.

The Paymaster generall Mr Nathaniell Higginson read his Book of Acc^{ts} for the month of January which was past in Councill Viz^{t}.

Charges Garrison	Pag^{o}	993 : 20 : 3
Charges Generall	„	663 : 27 : 3
Charges Diett	„	243 : 13 : 3
Charges Extraordinary	„	118 : 15 : 3
Acco^{tt} Plate	„	25 : 18 : 0
Charges Cattle	„	38 : 08 : 0
Charges Merchandise	„	84 : 05 : 3
Fortification & Repairs	„	282 : 09 : 3
West Coast	„	40 : 31 : 3
Expedition to Bengall	„	59 : 21 : 0
	Pag^{o}	2549 : 26 : 3

List of Actions depending.

The Register delivers in an Acc^{t} of the Actions depending in this Court which was perused by the Councill.

P 20 to be paid the Washers. Their Acct to bee made up.

Order'd that Pag^{o} 20 bee paid Narso &c^{a} Washers on acc^{t} of curing the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Callicoes, and that the Bookkeeper do make up their Accompt.

Souldiers and Peons to bee disbanded.

Wee being upon better tearmes with the Government and less danger then formerly 'tis agreed & order'd that for the lessening the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} charge, the Souldiers bee reduced to 240 or three Companies & the Peons to three Companies of 300 & the Supernumerary Topasses & Peons bee disbanded, & therein the Paymaster is to pick out the weakest & most unfitt for Service.

A Rupee a Ton to bee received of Ships. A proportionable duty of other Vessells.

According to the R^{t} Hon^{bl} Comp^{as} & the Generalls &c^{a} late orders rec^{d} from England & Surat, the Sea Customer is order'd to receive a Rupee a Ton from all Ships belonging to the English, before our Pass bee given them, the free Ships excepted according to Said order, & that a proportionable duty bee taken from all other Vessells that desire the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} protection & our Passes.

2. P 1000 to be Sent to Conimeer. To encrease their quantity of blue Long Cloth.

They lately writing us from Conimeer of their want of mony to carry on their business, & defray the Charges of that Factory, t'is order'd that Pag^{o} 1000 bee Sent them, and to write them to encrease their quantity of blue Long Cloth, and to bee deeper died.

Capt Batten desires to bee excused taking orders against the King of Siam. Desires to lay down his Commission. Order'd to bee cancelled

Capt Thomas Batten Commander of the Rebecca desiring to bee excused from taking our Orders to fight against the R^{t} Honble Company's Enemies the King of Siam & his Subjects, And itt being chargable to him to maintaine the honour of his Majesties Commission, and in many circumstances inconvenient to his voyaging, requests that hee may lay down that too, which is agreed to, and order'd to bee cancelled.

ELIHU YALE. THO: WAVELL.
JOHN GRAY. NAT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN LITTLETON. WILL: FRASER.
R: FFREEMAN.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

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Rec^d a Generall from Conimeer dated the 31th past giving an Acco^tt of the French att Pullicherry, & that the Maretta & Gulcondah forces were within a Gentue League of each other, & expected that every day would produce Some great matters. Also a Letter from Monsr Martin Directore att Pullicherry to Mr Willcox. 3. Genll from Conimeer. Letter from Monsr Martin to Mr Willcox.

A Generall to Conimeer & to Coodaloor both dated this day approved & Signed, ordring the former to lade their goods upon the Rochester when she came there, & if they were in any eminent danger to take Some Souldiers out of her for their Security, & that they propose to their Merchants the provission of 6 or 8000 p^s blue Long Cloth, to bee brought in by the fine of June next, & Sent them Pag^o 1000 for their ffactory expence & to the latter ordring them to lade their Bales & Grain, Wood & Chenam on the Rochester & dispatch her to Conimeer to take in their goods, & that Mr William Hall take his passage hither on the Rochester, in order to his going to Vizagapatam as formerly appointed. Also a Letter from the President to Badhe [u] lzamon Governour att Metchlepatam, congratulating his coming to the Government. 3. Genlls to Conimeer & Coodaloor. P 1000 Sent to Conimeer. Mr Hall to come hither on the Rochester. Letter to Metchlepa Governour.

Rec^d a Generall from Coodaloor dated 29th past, advising that the black Eagle passed by there in the evening, which Capt Bromwell could not See, lying off So farr att Sea, & that the ffrench have two Ships well armed riding out a due distance one from another, in Sight of them, but whether to guard the Siamer in their Road, or to intercept any Shiping belonging to us, cannot tell. That had rec^d the Pag^o 1000 for provission of Grain, & Sent Mr Swynock to Portonovo to provide itt, itt being cheaper there then att Coodaloor. That their Generall Books Should bee Sent as Soon as transcribed, & want Some large paper for that purpose. 4. Generall from Coodaloor.

Rec^d a Letter from Capt John Bromwell dated aboard Ship Rochester the 31th past advising of the Black Eagle having passed by for Pullicherry near shoar in the evening, and that he was standing into Coodaloor Road, to take in the R^t Honble Comp^as goods. Letter from Capt Bromwell.

The French Padre having rec^d a Letter from Monsr Martin Directore att Pullicherry, a Paragraph whereof relating to the Ship Black Eagle, was translated, wherein hee declares, that Said Ship and goods did belong to the French Comp^a & not to the King of Siam or his Subjects, and is enter'd in the Coppy Book of Letters received. Paragraph from Monsr Martin.

Rec^d a Letter from Messrs Chardin & Salvadore Rodrigues dated in Bagnagar $\frac{15}{25}$ past advising to have paid the Pag^o 10000 sent with them to our Vakeel Coje Abanus. Letter from Monsr Chardin &ca.

Rec^d a Letter from our Vakeel Coje Abanus dated in Gulcondah the 11th past giving an acc^t of his going up to the Camp, & how our affairs stand with the Mogull. Also a List of what priviledges the Mogull is willing to grant, & desires our Speedy answer, and possitive order how hee Shall proceed therein, that no blame may come upon him hereafter, and that hee had rec^d the Pag^o 10000 of Messrs Chardin and Salvadore. 4. Letter from Coje Abanus. List of priviledges.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 5.

MR ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY S^R JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

The President read his Cash Book for the month of March, which was past in Councill, the ballance examined being Pag^o ... ... 9878 : 29 : 0. Cash Acot for March.

The Storekeeper Generall Mr Thomas Wavell, read his acc^t of Stores bought, Sold & expended in the month of Feb^ry which was past in Councill. Storekeepers Acct for Februry.

[5TH.] —— *FORT ST. GEORGE, APRILL 1688* ——

P 1000 to be paid Mr. Higginson.

Order'd that Pago 1000 bee paid Mr Nathaniell Higginson Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison &ca.

Abont Land Customes.

There arising a Scruple about the Land Customes, Itt is agreed that all English men who duly pay four ꝑ Cent Custome, that they are free to Send the Same goods out of Town, without paying more, but if the property is alter'd, by their Selling them to any forreign Merchant in Town, that then the person, that So buys them, & Sends them out by Land, Shall pay two ꝑ cent Land Custome.

Capt Richard Cook desiring that his Bill of Lading might bee deliver'd him up, & in consideration of the late violent Storm, & the unavoidable damage to the Grain, which happened in her Riding att Trimlevas against which wee find hee made Protest, Itt cannot reasonably bee expected that hee Should make Satisfaction for itt, but there being loss in the measure, Itt is order'd that hee pay for Six hundred Marcall, before his Bill of Lading bee delivered up, as also for the new corning his Powder, which he likewise refuses.

About the Quitt Rent.

Wee being mediating & treating about the procury of a Phirmaund from the Mogull for the Settlement of the Rt Honble Compas concerns in this & other parts, & the whole Country being in a troublesome condition Itt is thought convenient, & by unanimous consent agreed, that the publication of the Rt Honble Compas Law about paying the Quit Rents, be Some time deferred, least itt prejudice our affairs & allarm the Government, to encrease the Quit Rent of the Town, & other inconveniencies that may happen there from, but that itt bee Strictly prosecuted & observed So Soon as wee have any certainty of a Phirmaund, or the troubles over.

Capt Weltdens Accott to bee examined & reported.

Capt Anthony Weltden Commander of the Curtana Frigatt, having deliver'd in a Petition that his Acct with the Rt Honble Compa might bee cleared, the Accomptant & Warehouskeeper are order'd to examine the Same with his Charterparty, deducting the amount of the late Judgmt of the Court of Admiralty, as also what goods are wanting, or hee is indebted for, & that they report itt to the Councill.

Merchants discourst about providing blue Long Cloth. To clear their old debt.

Chinna Vencatadry, Allingall &ca Merchants were Sent for & discourst about providing of blue Long Cloth, according to the Rt Honble Compas orders to which they Said, they would give their answer in a few dayes, they were also minded & prest to clear their debt to the Rt Honble Compa which has been long contracted, & that the Bookkeeper adjust accts with them.

Of naming Mr Higginson before Mr Wavell in the Generall Letter. The business debated & resolved.

Mr Nathaniell Higginson finding himself in the late Genll Letter of the 6th June from the Rt Honble Compa to bee named before Mr Thomas Wavell in the Paragraph that Commissions them, to the charge of the Customes, hee Supposes thereby that the Rt Honble Compa intend he Should preceed Mr Wavell therein, & desiring the Councill to consider, & give their opinions of the case, they were order'd to withdraw, & the business being debated, 'twas agreed that Mr Wavell was in the Same Station to preceed according to the Rt Honble Compas Commision for the Settlement of the Councill & do appoint him to bee Commissioner for receiving the Sea Customes, & that Mr Nathaniell Higginson do take the charge of the Land Customes, as also of the Mint, hee being a good proficient therein, & that Mr Robert Freeman now Sea Customer do make up his acct of the Customes to the end of Aprill, & Surrender up his place to Mr Thomas Wavell, and that hee take charge of the Paymasters employment from Mr Nathaniell Higginson, & that Mr William Fraser do take charge of the Stores from Mr Wavell, & each to conclude their Accts & enter on their Severall employments, the ꝑ mo next month, when this years Generll Books Should bee ballanced, & a particular acct of all remaines taken.

Mr Wavell to be Sea Customer. Mr Higginson to be Land Customer & Mint master.

Mr Freeman to be Paymaster. Mr Fraser to be Storekeeper.

To enter on their employments ꝑ mo next month.

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[5TH.]

A man exchanged for Thoms Englesby in the Royall James.

Thomas Englesby having by his Severity been the occation of great troubles & discontents aboard the Royall James, 'tis order'd that hee bee taken ashoar, & another English man bee exchanged for him to Supply his place.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R: FFREEMAN.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

Ship Phenix arrived.

Ship Phenix William Miller Master arrived from Mallacca & Acheen.

6.

Pass given Sloop Sophia.

John Strangways Master of Sloop Sophia having paid a Rupee ℘ Ton, according to the R^t Honble Comp^as order, the usuall Pass was given him.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 9.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY S^R
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

S^R JOHN BIGGS *att the Mount.*

Dispatches &ca read.

Ship Royall James & Madras Frigatt Dispatches to the West Coast, Generall to Bencooleen, and Saphir Frigat's dispatch to Tonqueen read and approved.

Mr Barron &ca to be examined on Thursday next.

Since Mr Barron's arrivall wee having often required both himself, Mr Mose & Mr du Bois to conclude their acc^ts & give us Some Satisfaction about the R^t Honble Comp^as disappointments in the discharge of their Commission & Instructions, in their voyage to China upon the Shrewsbury, they are therefore appointed upon Thursday next to appear before us, to bee examined upon that acc^t & the Secre^ry is order'd to give them notice thereof, that they may prepare accordingly.

Mr Cheney request his place in Councill.

Mr John Cheney making his request to bee restored to his place in Councill, believing that the R^t Honble Comp^as displeasure arose from their being misinform'd of his designe of going to Batavia, & that hee had not discharged his duty according to his Orders & Instructions, upon the design of going through the Streights to Mindanao, but hee having been there & through the Streights of Cumbaua Supposes himself free from the Suspition, & therefore may plead a right to the R^t Honble Comp^as promise, when they entertain'd him last in their Service, which was the chief encouragment of his undertaking that voyage, who being order'd to withdraw, & the question put to the Councill & debated Itt was agreed, that Since there was no mention of him in the Commission for setling this Councill, nor order for itt in any Generall Letter, that wee cannot admitt him into this Councill, till further order from the R^t Honble Comp^a about him, whereupon he told the President & Councill, that Since they had been pleased to deny him employment, hee was unwilling to eat the R^t Honble Comp^as bread for nothing, & therefore desired to bee Suspended till their Hon^rs pleasures were known concerning him, which the Councill allowed of, promising to write in his behalf.

The question put to the Councill.

Agreed that wee cannot admitt him att present.

He desires to bee Suspended. The Councill allow of itt.

[9TH.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, APRILL 1688*——

Damage of cloth ℘ Royall James to be charged to Coodaloor.

Mr John Littleton giving in an accompt of the damaged goods upon the Royall James, Itt is order'd that the remaining damaged cloth, bee vallued, & the loss charged to Coodaloor Factory.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R: FFREEMAN.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

10. Generll &ca from Coodaloor. Petition from Doctor Grudgfield.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 6th Inst advising that the quantity of Oyle & Grain order'd, is not procurable att Coodaloor or Portonovo, & that Trimlevas is a place able to Supply us upon all occations, if one resides there, as the Dutch now have, They Send Doctr Grudgfeilds Petition for a continuance of the Pago 4 ℘ month formerly allowed him ℘ Mr Davis for his writing work, They Send us their Diary, Consultations & Acct Cash for the month of March.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

THURSDAY 12.

MR JOHN GRAY SR
MR MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

SR JOHN BIGGS & MR LITTLETON *att the Mount.*

Bee[s] wax to be bought for use & for England.

There being great want of Beeswax for use of the Garrison & the other Factorys & the price being now reasonable, by reason of quantities brought from Pegu, & none come, nor expected from the Bay, Itt is order'd that Ten Candy bee bought for that Service, & if itt can bee obtained cheap, Itt is order'd that all in Town bee bought up, and Sent to England, for the Rt Honble Compas accompt.

Sallary to be paid Mr Cheney.

Pago 9 . 31 . 2 being due to Mr John Cheney for Sallary to the 9th Instant, Itt is order'd to bee paid him.

Generall to Coje Abanus

Generall to our Vakeel Coje Abanus att Gulcondah dated this day, in answer to his late Letter, & giving him full Instructions in the mannagment of our affairs with the Mogull, read and approved.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.

R: FFREEMAN.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

13. Ship Sta Joan from Macao.

Ship Sta Joan Manuell Gomeseres de Ribero Master arrived from Maccao.

Pass to Sloop Nathaniell.

Pass given to Sloop Nathaniell belonging to Mr John Gray, Nicholas Pecuchet Master.

Ship Bengall Merchant from Bombay.

Ship Bengall Merchant Capt William Perse Commander arrived from Bombay, and brought a Packett from thence, containing Generalls formerly recd Instructions to Severall persons, & two Clauses of Letters from the Rt Honble

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Compa & one to them from thence, Also a Packet from the Rt Honble Compa which had formerly recd ℔ the Williamson & overland, except his Majesties Letter to Mr White and Mr Burnaby with Invoyce & Bill of Lading for Europe goods continued aboard her. And a Letter from Mr Shaxton &ca dated att Tellicherry the 19th of February last, with Invoyce & Bill of Lading for Goa Arrack, Brass Guns, and Shot, laden on board her for this place, on Said Ship came two of the Rt Honble Compas Servants, Vizt Mathew Empson Factor & Wm Bowdler writer.

Packett from thence. Packett from the Rt Honble Compa. Letter from Mr. Shaxton &ca. Two of the Rt Honble Compas Servants.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAO

Present

SATTERDAY 14.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Receiving Severall Packetts by the Bengall Merchant which arrived here last night from Bombay, touching by the way att Mangelore, Callicut & Rutterah, most of which wee having formerly had duplicates of, ℔ the Williamson and overland, there was only occation for the perusall of the Generall Letter from Capt Shaxton &ca dated att Tellicherry 19th Febry $168\frac{7}{8}$ wherin they advise us of Lading from Brass Gunns, 100 Shot & 194 hogsheads Goa Arrack, Also that the Europe goods were continued aboard her out of England, but no Rice Sent us, as they formerly intended and advised us, which would have been very acceptable to us, & beneficiall to the Rt Honble Compa and the Captain acquainting us, that there is very great damage upon the Arrack, against which hee excepted in Bill of Lading upon his receiving itt aboard, therefore to know its present condition & to prevent its further loss, Itt is agreed & order'd that Mr William Fraser, Zouch Troughton Steward, Mathew Empson & the Fort Cooper do go aboard in the afternoon, to Survey them, & fill them up, & the Warehouskeeper is order'd to Send for them ashoar & Secure them, & that they bee exposed to publick Sale, to prevent the great loss, which will happen by their lying, & that Capt Hampton & Capt Lacy do also go aboard to view their Stowage, and carefully see, that there is no defect therein, whereby the Cask may receive damage.

Packett by the Bengall Merchant perused. Bengall Merchts Cargo. No Rice sent us as advised. Damage upon the Arrack. Persons order'd to Survey itt. To be sent for ashoar & Sold. Persons order'd to view the stowage of the Arrack.

Order'd that the Warehouskeeper unlade the Bengall Merchant with all expedition, & deliver the Shot into the Storekeepers care.

Bengall Merct to be unladen.

The Gentlemen that were appointed to the valluation of the Hospitall, having Surveyed, examined & estimated the Same, according to a paper now delivered in under their hands, & enter'd next after this Consultation, which is appproved by the Councill, amounting to Pag° 838 . 27 . 0 to bee paid into the Church Wardens, for the use of the Parish, & that the Rt Honble Compas Servants now destitute of Lodgings & conveniencies, bee appointed itt there, & 'tis order'd that the Said Hospitall bee clean'd & fitted for them accordingly.

Valluation of the Hospitall. The mony to bee paid. Lodgings for the Rt Honble Compas Servts to bee appointed there.

There being 5 Bales of black cloth come upon the Bengall Merchant, & mention'd in Invoyce for China, Itt is order'd (if they can bee come att before the departure of the Ships) that Said 5 Bales bee Sent for the Rt Honble Compas acct lading two on the Moulsford & three on the James, & consigned as the rest of the goods to Mr Thomas Yale, Francis Willcox, and all the Rt Honble Compas Servants they shall meet with there.

Black Cloth to bee Sent to China. How to be laden & consigned.

ELIHU YALE. R : FFREEMAN
JOHN GRAY. THO : WAVELL.
J. BIGGS. NAT : HIGGINSON.
JOHN LITTLETON WILL : FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

[14TH.] *——FORT ST. GEORGE, APRILL 1688——*

Fort St. George 13TH APRILL 1688.

Valluation of the Hospitall. Wee the Subscribers being appointed by order of the President & Councill, and of a Vestry of the Parish, to Surveigh and vallue the Hospitall, do make our report as follows Vizt That the Hospitall is very well & Strong built, & requires little repair. And in consideration of the great dearness of all materialls for building, more then att the time of building the Hospitall (which is like to continue) wee are of opinion that the Hospitall may bee now worth, as much as the prime cost, which by the Church Books, wee find to amount to Eight hundred thirty eight Pagos twenty Seven fanams.

NATH HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
RICHARD ELLIOTT.
HENRY MOSE.
JAMES BETT.
CHARLES METCALFE.
PETER LARGE.

14. Sloop Sophia for the Southward. Sloop Sophia John Strangways Master Sailed for the Southward.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 16.

ELIHU YALE ESQr PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY — SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLENTON — MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL — MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Persons discharged. Mr Thomas Fox requesting to bee discharged his duty in the Garrison, being lately married to a houskeeper in Town, Itt is granted, hee paying the Rt Honble Compas charge in Sending him out, Also Mr Mead & Mr Capell, they all being obliged to enter themselves in our Train'd Bands, & pay Scott & Lott as other Freemen.

List of actions depending. The Register brought in an acct of Actions depending in the Court which was perused by the Councill.

Ships to bee Muster'd. Order'd that Mr Thomas Wavell Storekeeper do go on board the Royall James & Bengall Merchant, and Mustar the Ships company and report the Same.

Examination of Mr. Barron Mr. Mose & Mr. Du Bois. Mr Samuell Barron, Mr Henry Mose, Mr Daniell Du Bois & Mr Francis Willcox late Factors to Emoy in China, upon Ship Shrewsbury were Sent for, & particularly examined about the great neglect, in the discharge of our Commission & Instructions & their Severall duties in that business, as also of the occation of the many disorders in that voyage, having yet delivered us, neither Cash Book, Consultation Book, Books of Accts nor Invoyce of the goods they returned, or acct of what remained with Mr Barron in Emoy waiting thus long for his arrivall, before which they often alledged that they could not rightly Settle that business for want of his Cash Book, which being now demanded of Mr Barron, as also their Consultation Book, Hee replied, that those & all other papers of the Rt Honble Compas & his own, were lost on the Junk near Emoy, as also the following List of goods, which hee had provided for the Rt Honble Compa after the departure of the Shrewsbury, & laden upon the Said Junk, were cast away, with much more of his friends & his own the List whereof hee recovered from the acct the China writers had taken, att their Shipping off from Emoy, but could not collect any acct of his Cash from them, but that would recollect his memory & give the best acct hee could of that, & all other occurrances of that disappointment, which disaster & Capt Allfords willfull departure, has been the great occation, of all these troubles, but if itt had pleased God to have arrived the Junk

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in safety, hither, itt would have been of considerable benefitt to the Rt Honble Compa as well for the introducing a trade with China, as the great encrease of our Customes here, which wee must allow to bee well design'd by Mr Barron, & agreable to our Instructions, thô in other matters, both hee & the rest have been idle & faulty in the mannagment of that voyage, chiefly occation'd by their quarrelling disagreemts & thô each endeavours to excuse himself by blaming the others, yet wee find upon examination & apparent neglects, that each of that appointed Councill, have been remiss & faulty in their particular charge, & all in the main affair. But before wee determine any thing possitivly therein, 'tis order'd that they meet togeather, & make up Accts of that voyage, charging those goods the Rt Honble Compa lost on the Junk, Mr Barron having now Sworn in Councill, to the particular truth thereof.

Capt Freeman is order'd to Summons his Company of Train'd Bands to a generall training upon the Island, opposite to the Fort, on Wensday next, being Easter Weeke, & that the Chief of the Moors & Gentue Inhabitants, bee invited to dine with the Governour &ca there, & that a handsome preparation bee made for itt accordingly this being the first generall appearance, and will make a great report in the Country.

A generall appearance of the Train'd Bands order'd.

Mr John Gray deliver'd in Capt Anthony Weltdens acct, assuring the Councill, that hee had justly examined each particular therin, & that 'tis rightly Stated according to Charterparty and agreement, the late judgment from the Court of Admiralty being deducted, the ballance resting is Pago 863 : 03 : 0 which is agreed & order'd to bee paid him, his receipt for the Same being perused & approved by the Judge Advocate.

Capt Weltdens acct to be paid.

Commission and Instructions to Mr Thomas Yale and Francis Willcox in their voyages to China, on Ships James and Moulsford read and approved.

Mr Yale & Mr Willcox Commission & Instructions.

ELIHU YALE.

J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R: FFREEMAN.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

Coppy of Mr Samuell Barron's List Vizt.

Coppy Mr Barron's List

	Tail.	Mas	Cond.
297 ps of Velvetts plain & flower'd of divers Coulours but most black & violett, of which 150 ps att Tail 6 & 6 Mas ℔ ps & 147 ps att Tail 6 & 2 Mas ℔ ps & since am not certain what quantity out the parcell premention'd went by the Ship Shall charge this acct with the whole	1901	—	—
320 ps of Sengchew flower'd damast of fine Cabessa Silk diverse Coulors, Suppose about 60 ℔s went by the Ship So charge as above	1504	—	—
435 ps of Canton Damast white & coulor'd att 4 T. & 4 Ms. ℔ ps and likewise uncertain how many Shipt shall charge as Idem ...	1914	—	—
80 ps of most curious Nanckin broad ps of divers coulors with large flowers of Superfine Cabessa Silk att 10 T. ℔ ps ...	800	—	—
200 ps of large Panches white att T 1 & 2 Ms ℔ ps	240	—	—
30 ps of plain double Sattin black & Musk Coulor att Tail 9 & 5 Mas ℔ ps	285	—	—

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	T.	Ms.	Tail.	Mas	Cond.
40 ps of large Pelangs damast flower att 4 & 6 ℔ ps ...			84	—	—
56 ps of large plain dto 3 & 2 ℔ ps			179	—	—
			7007	—	—
Sundry expences ...			205	—	—
Somma Totalis ... T.			7212	—	—

JURAM CORAMME
16th Aprill 1688. ELIHU YALE.

17. Dragon from Persia. Letter &ca from thence.

Ship Dragon Capt Henry Pensax Comdr (Capt Fenn being dead & the Chief Mate taken ashoar by the Generall att Bombay) arrived here from Persia, & brought a Genll thence dated 15th Febry last with Invoyce & Bill of Lading for Gold & Silver laden on her, in part of the Bengall acct.

18. Appearance of the Train'd Bands in Armes.

The Train'd Bands appeared in Armes, which consisted of 108 of the Rt Honble Compas Servants & freemen, besides Officers.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 19.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY SR
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.

Councill to conclude their business.

The Governour reminded the Councill, to get their business concluded So as to enter upon their Severall employments the first of next month, as formerly appointed.

Of the Gombroon Genll Letter ℔ the Dragon. Treasure by her to be brought ashoar. The Admiralty to take care of Capt Fenns concernes.

Receiving a Generall Letter from Mr George Cooke Chief &ca att Gombroon ℔ Ship Dragon, dated the 15th of February last, wherin they advise to have Sent us by her, in Gold and Silver to the amount of Shahees 1153105 : 03 coz being in part of their Bengall acct which the Warehouskeeper is order'd to bring ashoar with all expedition & care, and Capt Anthony Fenn dying intestate in Persia, & the care of his concernes by the appointment of the Chief &ca left to Mr Leveson, the present Commander, Mr Gorbole Chief Mate & the Carpenter, till their arrivall hither, & itt being Supposed that Capt Fenn may have Severall accts depending in England & India, & for the better Satisfaction & Safety of those, that are concerned therein, Itt is order'd that the Court of Admiralty do take itt into their care & examination, & to receive & dispose of the effects, & after discharge of all demands here, that the ballance of his acct bee paid into the Rt Honble Compas Cash, advising thereof by the first oppertunity.

Ballance of his accts to be paid into the Rt Honble Compas Cash.

Valuation of Coodaloor Cloth damaged in the Royall James.

Mr John Littleton &ca according to order of Councill brought in their valluation of the remaines of the Coodaloor damaged Cloth on the Royall James in the late Storm, (as enter'd next after this Consultation) which that Factory is order'd to bee Credited for, being the whole damage, was before order'd to be charg'd to their Debt.

Report of the Goa Arrack by the Bengall Merchant.

Mr Fraser &ca appointed to the examination of the Goa Arrack by the Bengall Merchant, delivered in their report of that business, as entered next after this

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Consultation, & there appearing much damage, 'tis order'd that Mr Meverell & the Cooper doe goe aboard to fitt & fill up the Cask, & carefully to Send them ashoar. Persons order'd to Send them ashoar fitted & filled.

The Warehouskeeper Mr John Littleton read his Book of Accts for the month of March which was past in Councill. Warehous acct for March.

Richard Bowney lately come out a Souldier, having Some estate fallen to him in England, desiring leave to return to look after itt, Itt is agreed that hee bee permitted to go on the Royall James, paying the Rt Honble Compas charge in Sending him out, Also George Mathews & Henry Osmer, making the Same request, Itt is agreed that they bee discharged, upon the Same conditions. Persons discharged. To pay the Rt Honble Compas charge in sending them out.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R: FFREEMAN.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STABLES SECRY. WILL: FRASER.

Whereas the Parishoners of St Mary Fort St George in Vestry assembled did unanimously agree to and with the Honble Elihu Yale President & Governour of Said Fort &ca Councill, for the Selling the old Hospitall, to the Rt Honble East India Compa. Now know yee that wee the Minister & Church Wardens, of the Parish aforesaid, for the time being, to & with consent of the Said Parishoners, have bargained & Sold into the Said Honble President &ca Councill for the use & behoof aforesaid, all and every part of the Said Hospitall, (the utensills thereunto belonging excepted) with the Yard, & all the out houses, and conveniencies therunto belonging, for and in consideration of the Summe of Eight hundred Thirty Eight Pago Twenty Seven fanams, which mony wee confess by these Presents to have received, Wittness our hands this Nineteenth day of Aprill 1688. Coppy of the receipt for the Hospitall.

RICHARD ELLIOTT.
HENRY MOSE.
CHARLES METCALF.

Fort St George 19th Aprill 1688.

Wee the Subscribers belonging to the Rt Honble Compas Warehous, being order'd by the Honble President &ca Councill to examine the damaged Cloth brought from Coodaloor by the Royall James, & to make a valluation, which wee have accordingly done, to the best of our Judgments as followeth. Report Coodaloor Cloth damaged ℔ Royall James.

Beteelaes of 40 Covts 119 ps vallued att Pago 10 ℔ Corge	P. 59: 18: 0
Ditto of 50 Covts 59 ps vallued att Pago 10 ℔ Corge	„ 29: 18: 0
Comeeses No. 1, 119 ps vallued att Pago 5 ℔ Corge	„ 29: 27: 0
Sallempores fine 169 ps att Pago 3 ℔ Corge	„ 25: 12: 0
Moorees No. 8, 62 ps att Pago 5 ℔ Corge	„ 15: 18: 0
	Pago 159: 21: 0

JOHN LITTLETON.
HENRY ALFORD.

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Report of the Goa Arrack.

Fort St. George 19th Aprill 1688.

Wee the Subscribers in pursuance to the Hon[ble] President &c[a] Councills order, having gone aboard the Bengall Merchant, to See into the condition & Stowage of the Arrack, laden on Said Ship for acco[tt] of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] do give the following report Viz[t].

All the Cask wee find well Stowed, & well bedded & coin'd, but Severall of their Bamboe bungs out.

The Cooper having gaged Some 3 or 4 of the Cask hee [c[d]] [is come] att, & knok't his fingers on the heads of Severall others, thinks them to bee Some $\frac{2}{3}$ some $\frac{1}{2}$ & Some $\frac{1}{3}$ out.

William Fraser.
Thomas Lacy.
John Hampton.
John Harris.

20. Pass to sloop Nathaniell.

Pass given to Sloop Nathaniell belonging to M[r] Nathan[ll] Russell Said Nathaniell Russell Master, bound for the Port of Mindanao.

21. French news of an English Ship bound for Bombay.

The French from Pullicherry advise, that a Ship of theirs bound from Siam to Surat, mett with the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Ship Royall James & Mary, off Cape Comerine bound from England to Bombay, that most of the Seamen & Souldiers on board her, were in a very weak condition, that she had been Eight months out of England, but brought no Letter from her, she not being designed for this Coast, but forced to bear away for Pullicherry, not being able to double Said Cape, they also advise that M[r] Hill was gone from Siam four dayes before she departed thence, but knew not whether by Sea or Land.

Att a Consultation

Present

Munday 23.

Elihu Yale Esq[r] President & Governour
M[r] — S[r] John Biggs
M[r] John Littleton — M[r] Robert Freeman
M[r] — M[r] Nath. Higginson
M[r] William Fraser.

The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.

Orders from the President.

Orders from the President to all Supra Cargoes, Commanders &c[a] of the free Ships now bound for Severall Ports in China, for the mannagment of themselves & their affairs read and approved.

Commission against the King of Siams Ship.

Commission to bee given against the King of Siam & his Subjects and Servants Ships, read and approved.

Pass to be given Capt Batten he not desiring a Commission.

Passes to be given to all that do not desire Said Commission.

Cap[t] Batten Commander of Ship Rebecca, not desiring to take a Commission against the King of Siam & his Subjects, & Servants he only requested a Pass, which was order'd to bee given him, and that all Commanders who are not desirous to take Said Commission have Passes given them.

Mr Gray's Paymasters accts to be examined.

Acct of Souldiers Coats Swords &ca to bee examined.

M[r] John Gray having given in an acc[t] of Some omission to his own prejudice, during his Paymaster employ, & M[r] Thomas Wavell & M[r] Nathaniell Higginson, being well acquainted in that business, Itt is order'd that they rightly examine the Said Accompts & report itt as they find, As also the Acc[t] of Souldiers Coates, Swords &c[a] delivered to Severall Souldiers by M[r] Gray, att present charged to Officers & Souldiers of the Garrison.

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The Warehouskeeper was order'd to dispose of the Oyle & Butter att the best rates hee can, & to make use of this oppertunity for their Sale, itt being much wanted in Town, and to prevent its decay and embezling. Oyle & Butter to bee Sold.

There being great want of Mussulaes for dispatch of the Severall Ships in this Road, which occations many complaints & discouragements in their business, Mr Robert Freeman is therfore order'd to provide & contract for ten new Mussulaes, with all expedition, upon the best tearms hee can. Ten Mussulaes to be built.

There being a parcell of Pegu plank & they writing for Some from Bengall, Itt is order'd that Mr Freeman do buy a parcell that is offer'd to Sale, att the best rates procurable. Pegu plank to be bought.

Order'd that Pag^o 1000 bee paid Mr Nathaniell Higginson Paymaster Generall to defray the Charges Garrison &c^a. P 1000 to be paid Mr Higginson.

Mr Richard Brown now delivering in his answer to the Vizagapatam Merchants complaint against him, the Same was read, & order'd that on Wensday morning next, the Said business bee examined & that all the Councill bee present. Mr Browns answer to the Vizagapatam Merchants complaint. To be examined on Wensday.

The Register delivers in an Acc^t of the Actions depending in this Court, which was perused by the Councill. List of actions depending.

The Ballance of the Stewards acc^t of Madapollam being P 286 : 01 : 3 but upon examination of their Charges Extraordinary itt appears that P 162 : 09 : 3 was expended upon transport of Mr Wales his family overland to Madras, whereas they went no further then Metchlepatam, by land, & there embarqued on the Loyall Capt whereupon itt is thought reasonable, to abate the Said P 162 : 09 : 3 & that the ballance being Pag^o 124 bee paid Mr Thomas Wright and that the Bookkeeper do charge itt accordingly. Ballance Madapollam Stewards acct to bee paid.

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JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

23. This being his Majesty the King of Englands Coronation day, the usuall Solemnity was performed. Coronation day.

24. A Pass given to Ship Rebecca Capt Thomas Batten Commander bound for China. Pass to Ship Rebecca.

Rec^d a Generall from Portonovo dated the 18th Instant, with Invoyce and Bill of Lading for 618 Bales [&c^a] laden on the Rochester there, and att Coodaloor, and that they are like to have a considerable number of Bales ready, before the dispatch of a Ship for England, which they will send if can procure conveyance, otherwise desire to bee Supplied therewith, Also a friendly Letter from Ebraïm Cawn, hee having offered a Cowl for the Security of the R^t Honble Companys concerns these troublesome times, which they referr to the consideration of the President and Councill, they also Send us their Pursers accompts for the months of February and March. Generall from Porto novo. Letter from Ebraim Cawn.

25. The Rebecca Capt Thomas Batten Commander Sailed for China. Rebecca Sailed for China.

Ship Sta Joan, Manuell Gomesseris de Ribero Master Sailed for Bengall. St Joan Sailed for Bengall.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 26.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY S^{R} JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON M^{R}
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.

Generall to Bengall.

Generall to Bengall dated this day read & approved, acknowledging the receipt of their Letters, advising the affairs in these parts, & giving them directions in the mannagm^{t} of the R^{t} Honble Companys concernes there.

Moody permitted to goe to Mindanao upon his request. Granted upon conditions.

Mr Moody hearing that the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} had order'd the encouraging of all persons to voyage to Mindanao, and there being little business att present, makes his request to bee permitted to goe thether, & to bring & deliver Clove Bark & Cassia Lignum, att the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} price, which taking into consideration, Itt is agreed that hee bee permitted to go, upon this condition, that his Sallary ceaseth, till his return, & then to take his Station hee now is in.

Concerning the Vizagapa Merchts complaint against Mr Browne.

The examination of the Vizagapatam Merchants complaint against Mr Richard Brown Chief, was proceeded upon, but being not able to finish itt now, 'tis order'd that itt bee deferr'd till the dispatch of these Ships, & that then itt bee concluded, & the whole examination, debate & result thereon, bee duly entred, and that after wee have agreed with the Vizagapatam Merchants, for a new Investment, that they take their passage thether, on the Recovery, the ways overland being very dangerous.

Prospects freight not paid att Tonqueen. Prospects freight to be pd here.

The Chief & Councill of Tonqueen not having paid the freight of goods sent from hence thether on the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} acc^{t} ℘ Ship Prospect, but referring itt to us, to Satisfie her Owners, the Same was considered of, & by reason Said Ship brought no returns back, Itt is agreed that wee allow Pag^{o} 1℘ Bale, & half a Pagoda ℘ Bag and Box, for freight thether, that being the usuall freight from Metchlepatam hither, which am^{ts} to P 245 & is order'd to be paid accordingly.

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JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R: FFREEMAN.
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NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

26. Commission to Capt Eldred.

A Commission against the Siamers, given to Capt Fra. Eldred Commander of Ship Loyall Captain.

27. Pass given to the Curtana.

A Pass given to the Curtana Frigat Capt Anthony Weltden Commander bound for Tonqueen.

Saphir Frigats dispatch dated & delivered.

The Saphir Frigats dispatch for Tonqueen read & past the 9th Ins^{t} was dated this day & delivered to Capt Thomas Lacy the Commander.

News from Conjeveron.

The Spie Peons give the following acc^{t}, That Eatchama Naigue one of the Mogulls Generalls coming from Wandewas to Conjeveron, to fetch Some great Guns from thence, to their assistance against Savagee, the enemy followed with a

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party of 4000 horse to Conjeveron, under the command of Santogee, where the two parties engaged, & the advantage fell on the Mogulls Side, they having the conveniency of firing their great Guns from their Pag° Killing 60 of Sevagee's horse, & about 20 or 30 men, So they returned from whence they came, & during this engagment, another party of the Mogulls from Wandewas went to Taianoor, Mallianoor, Santogee's Town, in Sevagee's Dominions, where they plunder'd much Gold, Silver & goods, which they carried away with them to Chetteput Fort.

28. Commissions to Capt Borton and Capt Intsham.

Commissions against the Siamers, given to Capt James Burton Commander of the James & to Capt Lewis Intsham Comdr of the Moulsford.

29. Letter from Capt Bromwell, Letter to him from Mr Nicks &ca.

Recd a Letter from Capt Bromwell dated att Conimeer the 25th Instant with Coppy of a Letter to him from Mr Nicks &ca dated att Portonovo 24th ditto, advising him of a Ship arrived in that Road under French Coulors, which they Suspected to belong to the King of Siam.

ATT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY. 30.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

MR JOHN GRAY	MR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.	

Acct of remains to be taken.

The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.

That as accustomary the Generall Books being to bee ballanced to the first of May, Itt is order'd that a particular just accompt of the Rt Honble Compas remaines in this Garrison bee taken by each person, that has the charge thereof, and delivered to the Councill for perusall & the Bookkeeper to charge them accordingly.

Generall to the Rt Honble Compa. Generall to Indrapoora.

Generall Letter to the Rt Honble Compa to bee Sent ℘ the Royall James, giving an acct of affairs in these parts, Also a Generall to Indrapoor giving them directions in managing the Rt Honble Compas business there read and past.

List of Actions depending.

The Register delivers in an Accompt of Actions depending in this Court, which was perused by the Councill.

Paymasters acct for Februry.

The Paymaster Generall Mr Nathaniell Higginson read his Book of Accts for the month of February which was past in Councill as followeth.

Charges Garrison	Pag°	1103	04	—
Charges Generall	„	918	13	3
Charges Diett	„	210	13	—
Charges Extraordinary	„	16	12	3
Charges Cattle	„	37	31	3
Charges Merchandise	„	157	01	2
Acct Fortifications & Repairs	„	174	05	1
West Coast	„	4	—	—
Expedition to Bengall	„	43	04	3
Expedition to Tenasseree	„	2	29	—
Accompt Currant London	„	28	25	—
	Pag° ...	2695	31	3

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P 687 to be paid Mr Higginson. Order'd that Pag° 687 be paid Mr Nathaniell Higginson, Paymaster Generall to defray the Charges Garrison &ca.

Store-keepers acct for March. The Storekeeper Generall Mr Thomas Wavell read his accts of Stores bought, Sold & expended in the month of March, which was past in Councill.

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JOHN STABLES Secry.

30. Generall from Portonovo. Recd a Generall from Mr Nicks &ca att Portonovo dated the 27th Inst advising of the design the Ship that arrived in that Road, with French Coulors had to Surprise them, they having Sent their Boat ashoar, with Arms for 20 men, that the French Captain had delivered them two Papers chopt by the Manderines, which did declare, that the Ship & Cargo, belonged to the King of Siam, and that under French Coulors, she had taken a Ship in that Road belonging to the English, & Sent her to Pullicherry, & had So incens't the Government against us, that they forbid all provissions coming to the Factory.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRÃÕ

Present

MUNDAY 30.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Of the Siam Ship att Portonovo. Receiving a Generall Letter from Mr John Nicks &ca att Portonovo, dated the 27th Inst that a Ship with French Coulors, arrived there, whose Boat coming ashoar, two of their men fled to the English Factory for protection, & offer'd their Service to the English, who informed the Chief &ca that the Same Ship came lately from Tenasseree, & particularly belonged to the King of Siam, & was bound for Persia, Severall of his Servants & Manderines being then aboard, and were intended to Surprize the Factory, & Seiz their persons, & the Rt Honble Compas estate, that night, & for that purpose had Sent Arms for twenty men, in that Same Boat they came ashoar in, which the Chief immediatly Seized & brought to the Factory, & the Captain having ashoar the day before, delivered them two Papers, in French, Sealed or chopt by the Siamers, & were instructions for their voyage to Persia, upon the King of Siam's acct whereupon Mr Nicks endeavoured what hee could to have Surprized them & took their Ship in the Road, but could not effect itt, but on the contrary the Said Ship with French Coulor[s] Seized upon a Ship belonging to the English, & carried her away to Pullicherry, & incenst the Maretta Government So against us, that they immediatly beseiged the Factory, denying any water or provissions to bee brought to them, whereby their lives & the Rt Honble Compas estate were in great danger, requiring our Speedy assistance of Ships & men for their relief, Whereupon itt is agreed & order'd, that the Bengall Merchant & Dragon here, & the Rochester now att Conimeer bee Commission'd to proceed for Pullicherry & Portonovo in pursuit of the Said Siam Ship, & to Secure the Rt Honble Compas Servants & concerns there, as also another Siam Ship expected thether, with great numbers of Siamers & French, who have undertaken great mischief against the English att our Factorys & elcewhere, & accordingly

Ships to be Sent after the Siamer.

Orders for said Ships.

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orders were drawn up approved & Signed, & one delivered to Cap[t] Perse, with the Said French papers, & another immediatly Sent to Capt Bromwell att Conimeer, As also Gen[lls] to Coodaloor & Conimeer about the Said business. Genlls to Coodaloor & Conimer.

ELIHU YALE.
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WILL : FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Sec[ry].

To Cap[t] WILLIAM PERSE COM[DR] OF THE BENGALL MERCH[T]. Coppy Orders to Capt Perse.

Just now receiving news from M[r] John Nicks &c[a] Councill att Coodaloor, that a Ship of the King of Siams under French Coulors has taken Ship Prospect in that Road, belonging to the English, and beseiging Portonovo Factory, attempting to murther our people, & Seiz & robb the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] estate there, These are therefore by virtue of his Majesties Commission to us & you directed, immediatly to fitt your Ship, & Sail for Portonovo, to assist our Factory, or elcewhere in pursuit of the Said Ship, & to Seiz her, & the English Ship, wherever you find them, either in Pullicherry road or elcewhere, this being certainly the King of Siam's Ship, as the accompanying French orders do confirm, being under the Siam Seal, & if the French do protect & assist them, & offend or fight you, wee then order you to repell force by force, if they begin with you, & in all things behave your Selves like Englishmen, in discharge of his Majesties Commission & these our Orders, Dated in Fort S[t] George the 30th of Aprill Anno 1688.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
ROBERT FREEMAN.
THOMAS WAVELL.
NATH HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.

The Same orders Sent to Cap[t] John Bromwell Commander of the Rochester att Conimeer. 30. Said Orders Sent to Captain Bromwell att Conimeer.

MAY ℔MO.

Ship Loyall Captain, Cap[t] Francis Eldred Commander Sailed for China. Loyall Capt Sailed for China.

A Generall Letter to the Hon[ble] Francis Martin Directore Gener[ll] att Pollicherry dated this day, approved and Signed (and Sent to Cap[t] Perse Commander of the Bengall Merchant to deliver) demanding rendition of the English Ship, taken by the Ship under French coulors, & carried into Pollicherry road, to do justice on the notorious offenders, & to make due Satisfaction for the injury & affront done our King Comp[a] & Nation, as hee Shall answer the contrary. Generall to Pullicherry.

Rec[d] a Letter from Cap[t] Thomas Lacy Comander of the Saphir Frigat dated this day, desiring to know if hee Shall proceed on his voyage to Tonqueen, or Stay for the Company of the China Ships, To which the Secretary was order'd to answer, That the President & Councill would have him Sail in their company, to Secure him from the Siamers or other Enemies hee might meet with att Mallacca or elcewhere. Letter from Capt Lacy. Answer to Capt Lacy.

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Note Sent to Capt Perse pmo.

Capt Perse being Still in the Road the President order'd the Secretary to write to him, to know the reason of his not observing his orders, who returnes the following answer.

Mr Stables

2.

Capt Perse his answer thereto.

Yours ꝑ a Cattamaran I rec^d wherein I find his Hon^r admires att my not Sailing, the reason of my Stay is, the winds being So farr out Southly, & the Sea and Currant setting So to the N^o w^d that instead of going to the S^o w^d I shall bee forced to the N^o w^d you may assure yourself, I'le loos no time or oppertunity in prosecuting my voyage, I am in great hopes ꝑ night she will bee down, itt beginning to bee Smoother, then hitherto itt hath been, I am

Sr Your humble Servant,

Bengall Merch^t 2nd May 1688. William Perse.

Generall from Portonovo.

Rec^d a Generall from Mr Nicks &c^a att Portonovo dated the 29th past advising the continuance of their troubles, and the danger the R^t Honble Comp^{as} concernes and themselves are in.

Generall from Capt Bromwell.

Rec^d a Generall from Capt Bromwell dated att Conimeer the 27th past advising how unfitt his Ship was to undertake anything against the Siam Ships, being in want of men, and his Ship much pester'd, desiring a Supply of 160 Europeans.

Note Sent to Capt Perse.

Upon advice rec^d the Sec^{ry} was order'd to write to Capt Perse as followeth.

To Cap^T William Perse.
Com^{DR} of the Bengall Merch^T.

Upon further consideration the President and Councill order you not to deliver the Letter Sent you for Monsr Martin, till you shall receive further orders from them about itt, but otherwise to proceed according to their Instructions.

The advices his Hon^r &c^a have rec^d this day, requires you^r Speedier proceeding upon your voyage then before, but they leave that to you, to take the first & best oppertunity, So as not to loos ground by falling to leeward, which is all att present from

Fort St George Sr Your humble Servant,
2nd May 1688. John Stables Sec^{ry}.

2.

Ship Phenix Sailed for Bengall.

Ship Phenix, Manuell Mendis de Livera Sailed for Bengall.

Att a Consultation

Present

Thursday 3.

Elihu Yale Esq^R President & Governour
MR John Gray S^R John Biggs
MR John Littleton MR Robert Freeman
MR Thomas Wavell MR Nath. Higginson
MR William Fraser.

Cash Accompt for Aprill.

The President read his Cash Book for the month of Aprill, which was past in Councill, & the Ballance examined being ... ... P4401 : 24 :—

Of the troubles att Portonovo.

Royall James to go thether.

Yesterday receiving two Letters from the Chief &c^a att Portonovo confirming the great trouble & danger they had before advised us, & that the Ship which lately went to Pollicherry, was ret [urn] ing to Portonovo with great numbers of French & Siamers, to assault our Factory, to which itt is reported that the Government had promised their assistance, Itt is therefore thought fitt & order'd that the Royall James (itt being no ways a hindrance to her voyage to the West Coast) do Sail up as farr as Portonovo, to the assistance of our people & Factory,

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& taking the Siam Ships, but to stay there not more then 4 dayes, & then to proceed upon her voyage to Sumatra, & that the Madras Frigat do make the best of her way to the West Coast directly, She being a much worse Sailer then the Royall James.

Madras Frigat to go to Sumatra.

Order'd that P 1000 bee paid Mr Robert Freeman Paymaster Generall to defray the Charges Garrison &ca.

P 1000 to be paid Mr. Freeman.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R: FFREEMAN.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

This morning the Bengall Merchant sailed out of this road for Portonovo, but came to an Anchor Something to Leeward of this place. 3.

Bengall Mercht Sailed.

This morning the James Sailed for Maccao, & the Moulsford for Emoy in China, the Curtana & Saphir Frigats for Tonqueen & the Madras Frigat for the West Coast. 4.

Ship Sailed for China Tonqueen & West Coast.

Recd a Letter from Monsr Martin Directore att Pollicherry dated 10th Instant giving a relation of the Siam Ship that had been att Portonovo, and of the returning the English Ship brought thether by him.

Letter from Pollicherry.

Recd a Generall from Mr Nicks &ca att Portonovo dated ꝑmo Instant advising that the differences with the Government were composed & the English Ship return'd.

Generall from Portonovo.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAO.

Present:

FRIDAY 4.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY SR JOHN BIGGS
MR MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR LITTLETON *out of Town.*

Receiving advices from the Chief &ca Councill att Portonovo dated ꝑmo Inst that the Government had desired to compose the difference between them requesting that the Subidar &ca might bee permitted to come to the Factory to discourse of what had past, which being granted, did before a multitude of people, declare themselves to have committed great errors therein, & desired that what was past might bee forgotten, promising for the future, to give no Such occation of difference, and that if any Siam Ship should come into that Road, they would give them their best assistance & protection for themselves & the Rt Honble Company's concernes, from their assaults or injury, Also advising that the English Ship carried to Pollicherry by the Ship under French Coulors, was delivered to her Owner, & that the Siam Ship was gone from Pollicherry where they would not entertain them. Itt is therefore agreed & order'd that our Instructions about the Bengall Merchant & Rochesters going to Portonovo bee revoaked, & that they do not proceed thether, but that they bee acquainted with our agreement with the Government, and the Bengall Merchant order'd to come into the Road, & the Rochester Soe Soon as She has taken in the Conimeer goods, do make the best of her way hither, & accordingly Said orders were drawn up, read, approved, Signed & Sent to them, And whereas the Royall James was order'd yesterday to

Differences att Portonovo composed.

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Sail for Portonovo, & Stay there four dayes, Itt is now order'd that (for the reasons abovesaid) she do not go, but make the best of her way for the West Coast, according to his Dispatch dated and delivered the first Instant.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.

R: FFREEMAN.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

5. *Letter from Capt Perse.* Rec^d a Letter from Capt Perse dated 4th Ins^t advising that hee would observe the order sent him, & come into the Road as soon as possible.

6. *Royall James sailed for the West Coast & England.* The Royall James Capt Richard Cook Commander Sailed early this morning for the West Coast and England.

News from Gulcondah. Letters from Mr Chardin att Gulcondah to the Governour of Aprill last, give the following acc^t That the Mogull would free his Son Shaw Allum, from his long confinement, but the Prince generously refused itt, except hee would also enlarge Abullassan the King of Gulcondah, because hee was instrumentally the ruin of the King, having formerly engaged his word, that neither the Mogull nor hee, should ever come with power to trouble him, & that he would rather choos to lose his life, then break his faith & word with the King of Gulcondah, which was confirmed by his faith. That Sevagees troupes join'd with Siddemasson's are within Six Leagues of Gulcondah, burning & destroying all before them, they expect them there in a little time, That Nabob Rowalloo Cawn, had Sent his Jewells & treasure into the Castle, & he & his family is on the following thereof, That there are no Souldiers in the Fort, nor provissions fitt to withstand an Enemy So that if the Enemy comes, he may with great facillity take the Fort, That the Dutch & French are much in the Maretta's favour, & all Roads are full of Robbers, that the King of Persia marcheth in person with a great Army after Sultan Eckbar to give him help, in case the 60,000 horse men he hath already bee not Sufficient & sworn upon his beard that he will Sett him upon the Indostan Throne.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 7.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

M^R	S^R
MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH. HIGGINSON

MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Mint Acct for M[arc]h & Aprill. The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.

The Mint master Mr Thomas Wavell read his Acc^t of the Mintage duties upon particular persons Gold coyned in this Mint, in the months of March & Aprill, which was past in Councill as followeth.

Coyned in the month of March P 474[illegible] att ½ ℔ Cent P 23 : 25 : 50.
Coyned in the month of Aprill P 15462 at ½ ℔ Cent P 77 : 11 : 50.

List of Actions depending. The Register delivers in an Acc^t of Actions depending in this Court, which was perused by the Councill.

A Chirurgeon entertained. Doct^r Heathfeild being deceased, & Doct^r John Plummer gone home upon the Royall James, & the Hospitall being in great want of an able Chirurgeon,

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Doct^r^ Samu^ll^ Browne late Chirurgeon of the Dragon being reputed So, & desirous of the employ, Itt is order'd that he bee entertain'd att the Same Sallary & allowances as his predecessor Doct^r^ Heathfield had.

Mr Daniell Du Bois not being well disposed for the business att the Custome-house, Itt is order'd that Mr Mathew Empson, do Supply his place under the Customer. Mr. Empson orderd to the Custome-house.

Some complaints was given in against Mr William Fraser for his rash & illegall cutting off a black boys ear in the Fort, but Some of the Councill being absent, 'tis order'd they all bee present att the examination thereof. Complaints against Mr. Fraser.

A Generall to Coodaloor dated this day read & approved giving them directions in the mannagment of the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ business in that Factory, & to order them to enquire about the Fort, the French are treating with Eccogees Son about, which was built by him beyond Negapatam, & privatly to Send Some trusty Braminee to offer him as much mony as the French should, for to buy itt for the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ Acc^t^ their Hon^rs^ having order'd us to procure a Fortification in those parts. Generall to Coodaloor. Directions given them. About Eccogees Fort.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.

JOHN LITTLETON.
R: FFREEMAN.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.

10. Ship Rochester Capt John Bromwell Commander arrived here from the Southern Factorys, and brought a Generall from Conimeer dated the 8th Instant, with Invoyce & Bill of Lading for 139 Bales of Callicoes and 89 Baggs of Indico laden on board her there. Ship Rochester arrived. Generall from Conimeer.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 10.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^
MR JOHN GRAY S^R^ JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER

The Agent & Councill in Bengall having engaged, that the Lascars upon the Rochester Should bee returned, and She being now arrived from the Southward, Itt is order'd that Mr Fraser take care that they bee Sent upon the Recovery, that having complied wth their promise, wee may bee Supplied upon the like occation. Lascars to be returned to the Bay.

Order'd that the Rochester bee unladen & that the Storekeeper do Strictly Survey & muster the Ships Company, to See if She bee in a condition for a voyage to England, & that hee take what Captain [s] Masters of Ships, & Carpenters he can procure here, to assist him therein, & that hee give a report thereof to the Councill. Rochester to be unladen, Survey'd & Muster'd.

The Bookkeeper Mr John Gray read his Journall of the Gener^ll^ Books of Accompts for the remaining part of the month of August last, which was also past in Councill, and hee again desired to hasten the entring & reading the rest of the Accompts. Journall for August.

The Chief &c^a^ Councill att Conimeer having taken ashoar from Capt Bromwell Commander of the Rochester 12 great Guns, Cordage &c^a^ necessarys, Itt is order'd that the Cordage bee return'd as near as possible, & Sent aboard without Guns &ca taken ashoar att Conimeer from Capt. Bromwell.

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charge to the Captain, & that hee bee paid for the Guns att 13s : 6d ℔ that being the price agreed upon.

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10. News from Suratt.

Letters from Surat to Mr Rodrigues dated the 7th of last month, give the following advice, That the Generall was arrived att Swally in March last, & that the Governours Son, had been aboard to compliment him, ashoar, which hee refused, desiring the Governour himself would come aboard to him, which caused the Son to go away displeased, and the Governour would not agree to go, but Some Merchants went aboard afterwards, & with much perswation, prevailed with the Generall to go ashoar, who took with him two hundred Souldiers for his Guard, where the Governour came, and they proceeded and agreed upon Articles, which were Sent up to the Mogull, to be confirmed, but feared he would hardly consent to them, and that the Generall had returned four Prises, hee had taken of the Merchants, That the Ship New London was bound for England, Ship Charles the Second for Persia, Ship Modena for Bussora, And a Ship (which they do not name) for China.

11. Pass to Ship Phenix.

Pass given to Ship Phenix belonging to Capt Edward Inglish, Said Edward Inglish Commander.

Letter from Mahomed Sadeeck.

Recd a Letter from Mahomet Sadeek to the President, desiring that a boy belonging to him, in Town, might be delivered his Servant.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 14.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR
MR JOHN GRAY. SR
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.

Papers concerning Mr. Ords estate delivered Mr. Wheeler.

MR. James Wheeler having administer'd upon the estate of Mr. Ralph Ord deceased, the orders & papers recd from England, relating to that business were delivered to him, & he order'd to give in Security for the rendring a true acct thereof, & to pay the ballance into the Rt Honble Compas Cash according to their order.

To give Security & pay the ballance into the Rt Honble Compas Cash.

Order concerning exportation of Slaves.

The Custome by the exportation of Slaves here, being now of little advantage to the Rt Honble Compa by their Scarcity, & itt having brought upon us great complaints & troubles from the Country Government, for the loss of their Children & Servants Sperited and Stoln from them, which being likely to encrease, by the new Government of the Mogull's, who are very averse, & prohibit all Such trade in his Dominions, & has lately exprest his displeasure therein against the Dutch for their exporting of Slaves from Metchlepatam, to prevent which prejudice & mischiefs for the future, & wee having recd a late Letter from the Sier Lascar about itt, Itt

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is agreed & order'd that after the Twentieth Instant no person or Inhabitant of this place, either Christian or other, do directly or indirectly buy or transport Slaves from this place or any adjacent Port (whereby the Government, may be any ways troubled or prejudiced) upon the penalty of Fifty Pag° for each Slave bought & transported, against this our order, But in consideration that Severall persons in Town, have formerly bought Slaves, which Still remain by them, by reason of their Sickness, or want of oppertunity to transport them, Itt is agreed that they bee permitted to Ship off such Slaves Provided they give a List of them to the Justices of the Choultry, & produce them publickly there, to bee duly examined & Registred, and the better to prevent any demands upon them hereafter, the Justices are order'd to Proclame the Same by beat of Drum, that no person may pretend ignorance, thereof, & that all may come, & make their demands for Children & Slaves Stoln, & upon due proof, they bee deliver'd to them, free from charge.

The R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] having directed us in their Generall of the 6th June last, to encourage the trade to Mindanao, and therein allso order'd us, to engage to all persons, to pay them Eight pence ₱ pound for Clove bark, and Fifty Shillings ₱ hundred, for Quill Cassia Lignum, for all that they Should bring to this Port, and *Concerning the trade to Mindanao. Price of Clove bark & Quill Cassia Lignum allowed by the Company.*

M[r] Ambrose Moody being now bound upon that design for Mindanao, and requiring an Obligation from us, to prevent Scruples hereafter therein, Itt is agreed that itt bee given to him, under our hands, and the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Seal, and to all persons the Same that desire itt, and hee having a Small parcell of Clove bark by him, Itt is order'd that the Warehouskeeper receive itt att that rate. *Agreemt made with Mr Moody. A Small parcell of Clove bark bought of him.*

The Register brought in a List of Actions enter'd in the Court of Admiralty Since Munday last which was read in Councill. *List of Actions enter'd in Court.*

The Land Customer M[r] William Fraser read his Book of Accompts for the months of January, February & March last, which was past in Councill as followeth. *Land Customer's Accompts.*

The month of January. *The month of January.*

Choultry Custome	P	62 : 09 : 50
Land Custome	„	28 : 14 : 24
Weighers duty	„	— : 14 : 38
Measurers duty	„	43 : 28 : 68
Banksoll Toll	„	— : 08 : 50
Slaves	„	— : 08 : —
	P	135 : 11 : 30
Deduct Wages.		3 : 24 : —
	P	131 : 23 : 30

February. *The month of February.*

Choultry Custome	P	44 : 32 : 64
Land Custome	„	13 : 18 : 94
Weighers duty	„	— : 22 : 22
Measurers duty	„	46 : 18 : 72
Banksoll Toll	„	— : 33 : 75
Slaves	„	— : 16 : —
Botica rents	„	48 : — : —
	P	154 : 34 : 27
Deduct Wages.		3 : 24 : —
	P	151 : 10 : 27

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The month of March.

March.

Choultry Custome	P.	100 : 33 : 50
Land Custome	„	27 : 07 ; 13
Weighers duty	„	1 : 18 : 88
Measurers duty...	„	57 : 04 : 16
Banksoll Toll	„	4 : 15 : 31
Slaves	„	— : 16 : —
Rent of Paddy Ground	„	55 : — : —
	P	246 : 22 : 98
Deduct Wages.		3 : 24 : —
	P	242 : 34 : 98

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14. Pass to Conimeer Merchant.

A Pass given to Ship Conimeer Merchant belonging to Mr John Willcox, Anthony Penistone Master.

News from Siam. Coppy of the King of Siam's Declaration of Warr.

An English man in the French Service, lately come from Siam, brought us news that Mr Hodges & Mr Hill Still continued att Siam, & itt was reported that Mr Hill was coming hither by way of Tenasseree, also brought a paper Said to bee coppy of the King of Siams Declaration of Warr, against the Rt Honble Comp^a^ and their Servants, which is order'd to bee enter'd in the Coppy Book of Letters rec^d^ & remitted to the Rt Honble Comp^a^ & Surat, by the first oppertunity.

Generall &ca from Conimeer.

Rec^d^ a Generall from Conimeer dated the 12th Ins^t^ advising that they could not prevail with their Merchants, to provide blue Cloth, the troubles in the Country daily encreasing, that they were indebted Pag^o^ 1500, & desire a Supply of mony & paper, they Send their originall Cowl for their Guns, & Coppy of their Generall Books for the year 1685.

15. Phenix & Conimeer Merch^t^ Sailed.

Ship Phenix Edward Inglish Master, & Conimeer Merch^t^ Anthony Penistone Master, sailed for the Southward.

Letter from Mahomed Sadeek and Appauge Pontolo.

Rec^d^ a Letter from Mahomed Sadeek & another from Appauge Pontolo demanding the Town rent.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 17.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR S^R^ JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.

Letter to Mahomed Sadeek. To avoid paying Town rent.

A Letter from the President to Mahomed Sadeek, Seirkeel att Conjeveron, in answer to one rec^d^ from him the 15th Ins^t^ read & past, wherein they demand the Town rent, but 'tis concluded best, to avoid its paym^t^ till wee have accomodated our troubles with the Mogull, or as long as possible can conveniently.

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[17TH]

The Severall persons employed in the Survey of Ship Dragon deliver in their opinions to the Councill (as enter'd next after this Consultation) wherein they declare her unfitt for a voyage to England, without repair, & the Commander Capt Pensax being sent for, declares & confirmes the Same, & hee having already recd the amount of what agreed upon in Charterparty, & wee having no order, nor power to Supply him, with any more, towards her repairs & charges. Itt is agreed that wee do now Protest against the Said Ship for her incapacity for the Rt Honble Compas Service, but that the Capt bee also acquainted, that if hee can take up mony to fitt her, & make her capable for a voyage to England, wee shall afterwards employ her home.

The Dragon Surveyed. Unfitt for a voyage to England.

To be Protested against.

To be employed if the Capt can raise mony & fitt her.

The Storekeeper delivers in a Mustar of Ship Dragons men, which are 16 living & much Short of the number she should have by Charterparty.

Muster of the Dragon's men.

For the greater care & better mannagment of the Customehouse business Itt is order'd that they have two writers more for their assistance, to officiate as Waiters, & that George Wingfield & William Bowdler bee appointed thereto. And that two Candy of Gaunce bee bought & made into Bell weights for the Customehouse & Chowtrey, the Lead ones being faulty and much complain'd of.

Two Writers appointed more to the Custome house.

Two Candy of Gaunce to bee bought, to make weights.

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May the 15th 1688.

A Survey order'd by his Honr &ca Councills command on board the Ship Dragon, Capt Henry Pensax Commander, now riding in Madras Road, Wee Samuell Harden, George Clemmons, Joseph Evens [*sic*] & Francis Busby Carpenters, belonging to the good Ships Rochester & Bengall Merchant, now riding in the Road of Madras, whereof Capt John Bromwell & Capt William Perse are Commanders, Do pass our best judgments to what wee See, in the Hold on the Larbord-side three beames in the Midships & knees belonging thereto Shifted to Starboard one Inch & better, by what wee find by her Pillars under the Gun Deck beames, which wee Saw experimentall with our own eyes, likewise two breast hooks in the Bowes, that we find rotten & Iron Sick, likewise on the Starboard Side, one middle band broake, & abaft that on ditto one Gun Deck clamp broak, on the Gun Deck one Standard broak, opposite to itt one lodging knee broak, & likewise Some chayne bolts Started, & her Butts reached, & without good repairs & a Dock, itt is our opinion that She is not in a condition for men & the Compas goods to be venter'd home.

Survey of Ship Dragon.

Surveyed by us—

WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM PERSE.
JOHN HAMPTON.
JOHN STRANGWAYS.
NATH. RUSSELL.
SAMUELL HARDING.

The mark of—
GEORGE C. CLEMENCE.
JOSEPH EVANS.
FRANCIS BUSBEY.

19. Pass given to Sloop Speedwell belonging to Mr Richd Browne Thomas Flemming Master.

Pass to Sloop Speedwell.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated 15th Instant advising to have 75 bales ready att Portonovo, & desire a Supply of Pago 30,000 to pay their Merchants, that they had Sent a Braminee to treat, with Eccogees Son, they desire Factors

Generall from Coodaloor.

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provisions, & propose the buying a house att Portonovo for their accomodation, one large enough being offered them for Pag° 350.

20. Ship Delight from Southward.

20. Ship Delight Robert Mellish Master arrived from the Southward.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 21.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR
MR JOHN GRAY SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR
MR MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

List of Actions enter'd. Examination Conimeer Cloth.

The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.

The Register brought in a List of Actions enter'd in the Court of Admiralty Since Munday last, which was read in Councill.

The Warehouskeeper & assistants having according to order examined the Conimeer Cloth, do give in their opinions as enter'd next after this Consultation & are order'd to examine the rest.

Capt Bromwell to be paid for Guns &ca.

Capt Bromwell delivering in an acct of Guns, Stores &ca spared to the Chief &ca att Conimeer for defence of that Factory, & confirmation of the late Cowl & priviledges given them, for Fortifying that place, which accr being reasonably charg'd, Itt is order'd to bee paid him accordingly.

A Supply of mony desired att Coodaloor. A Supply order'd them.

Advising us from Coodaloor that they were forward in their former contract there & att Portonovo, insomuch that they were indebted Pag° 30,000 to the Merchants for goods lately sent ℔ the Rochester &ca and that they had long Since delivered them in Europe goods to the full amount of their contract, & without a further Supply of mony they could not proceed, & must return part of the Said Europe goods, Itt is therefore agreed & order'd that P 10,000 bee Sent them in mony & 3 Chests of Silver by a Vessell bound thether now in this Road, but that they take in no more goods upon this contract, after the last of next July, designing to dispatch a Ship by that time for Europe, & those goods to be part of her Cargo. Itt is also order'd to send Pag° 3000 to Conimeer to discharge their debts, & defray the expence of that Factory, and Factors provissions to both Factorys.

No goods to be taken in att Coodaloor after the last of next July. P 3000 to be Sent to Conimeer. Factors provissions to be Sent to Coodaloor & Conimeer.

A house to bee bought att Portonovo.

The Chief &ca att Coodaloor writing us that they have no convenient accommodation att Portonovo, to do the Rt Honble Compas business in, & desiring leave to build a house or buy one, offered to them upon reasonable tearms, ' tis agreed that they rather buy then build, Provided the house bee cheap, Suitable & the tytle good. lb.

Mr Ambrose Moody having delivered 252 of Clove barke att Eight pence ℔ pound bought of him for the Rt Honble Compas acct amt to Pag° 18 : 24 : 0 Itt is order'd to bee paid for.

Glove bark to be paid or.

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Fort St George may the 21th, 1688. [21ST]

Wee the Subscribers belonging to the Rt Honble Compas Godown being order'd by the Honble President, and Councill to examine the Conimeer cloth do make this following report Vizt. Examination Conimeer Cloth.

Long Cloth ordinary No. 1 indifferently Sorted but somewhat thin.
No. 2 not well Sorted.
Ditto browne No. 6 Course and thin.
Ditto blew the Cloth indifferently good, but a pale blue.
Sallampores ordinary No. 6 not having a Mustar Judge itt may pass for a Second Sort to No. 3.
Ditto No. 3 well Sorted.
Ditto brown indifferent good cloth.
Comsalœs No. A good cloth.

JOHN LITTLETON.
HENRY ALFORD.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Pass given to Ship Retrieve belonging to Mr John Gray George Paulin Master. 21. Pass to Ship Retrieve.

Ship St Pedro de Alcanta, Antony de Malas Master arrived from Goa. Ship from Goa.

Recd a Letter from our Vakeel Coje Abanus dated in Gulcondah the 3d Inst advising of his treating with the Nabob, about our Phirmaund, of his being near a conclusion, & intentions of going up to the Camp, but that advices came from thence, that the Articles agreed upon between his Exellcy the Generall & the Governour of Surat, were confirmed by the Mogull by Sending him his Phirmaund, upon which the Vakeel desisted going up, & desires to know how he Shall dispose of our mony. 22. Letter from Coje Abanus.

Sloop Speedwell Thomas Flemming Master Sailed to the Southward. 23. Sloop Speedwell Sailed

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 20th Inst advising that their Chief Subidar Cashua Pontolo, was coming into those parts, & desire our order how to present him, they write for mony to pay the Rt Honble Compas debt, to their Merchants, & that their contract there, would bee concluded in 4 or 5 dayes more. 24. Generall from Codaloor.

Recd a Letter from Monsr Martin Directore Generall att Pullicherry dated the 31th Inst complaining of many unkindnesses recd from the English, hee only designing to excuse themselves from their late illegall & unfriendly protecting & owning the King of Siams Ships & goods under their names & coulors the President having lately wrote him a Sharp letter about itt. 24. Letter from Pullicherry.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 24.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR
MR SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR MR NATH. HIGGINSON.
MR .

The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.
Mr Wavell *Sick* & Mr Frazer *gone aboard Ship* Rochester to Mustar her men.

Receiving a Generall from Coodaloor wherein they desire a further Supply of mony to pay off the Rt Honble Compas debt to the Merchants for goods recd of Of Supplying Coodaloor with more mony.

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Of presenting Cashua Pontolo.

To be referr'd to the Chief &ca.

them, but having already order'd them, what wee can possibly Spare, itt must bee accordingly writ them, & that wee Shall Supply them further, when we are furnisht. They also desire our advice about presenting Cashua Pontolo chief Soobidar, who is coming into those parts, & a Present being accustomary & unavoidable, or elce wee must disoblige him & our business, Itt is therefore order'd that the amt thereof & the particulars bee referr'd to them, but to bee advised to be prudent & as frugall as possible, & to enquire what the Dutch do therein, & to Suit their business accordingly.

Capt Pensax's Declaration of ship Dragon.

Charge of fitting her calculated.

Dieting of Souldiers acct.

Capt Pensax Commander of the Dragon having given in a Declaration of his Ships unfitness & uncapableness for a voyage to England, being much out of repair & unsheathed, and the great charge itt will bee to fitt her, besides mens wages for Said voyage, for which hee has no Stock, nor can take up Sufficient the cost being calculated att Rups 15100 which paper is order'd to bee enter'd next after this Consultation, for the Owners fuller Satisfaction, Also a paper containing an acct of dieting Souldiers amounting to $ 365 but one of them dying three months past Itt is order'd that his provissions bee deducted the remainer now paid him.

Tearms for a Phirmaund near accommdated.

Advice of the Generall of Surat's obtaining a Phirmaund.

That we desist till wee hear from Surat.

Receiving advices yesterday from our Vakeel Coje Abanus att Gulcondah, wherein he writes of his further treaty with Rowalloo Cawn the Nabob there, & that hee had near accomodated the tearmes of our generall Phirmaund, & that he was in readyness to proceed to the Camp, to have itt confirm'd by the Mogull, on which day receiving Letters from the Camp, that his Exellcy the Generall Sr John Child, had made a generall peace att Surat, & that the Mogull, had Sent his Phirmaund thether, to confirm the Articles, & presuming this place & Bengall are included therein, Itt is thought fitt & agreed that wee prosecute no further the procury of our Phirmaund, till wee hear from Surat and know the tearms, they have agreed upon, & then to act accordingly, least we put the Rt Honble Compa to an unnecessary charge.

P 1000 to be paid Mr. Freeman.

Order'd that Pago 1000 bee paid Mr Robert Freeman Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison &ca.

Allowance to Servants att Metchlepatam & Madapollam.

The Braminee, Dubass & 16 Peons att Metchlepatam Factory & the Same number att Madapollam Factory, being left there to keep the Factorys in repair, & Security, till our resettlement, who complaining much for want of their wages, provissions being excessive Scarce & dear, in those parts, Itt is order'd that their Arrears bee paid them, & allowed for the future Pago 24 ℔ month to each Factory for a Braminee Dubass & 16 Peons att each place.

Genlls to Coodaloor & Conimeer.

Generalls to Coodaloor & Conimeer dated yesterday read and past, giving them directions in the mannagment of the Rt Honble Compas concerns att both Factorys, & advising to have Supplied them, now, with what mony wee can possibly Spare, till wee receive a fresh recruit.

ELIHU YALE.

J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R: FFREEMAN.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT. HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

Capt Pensax's Declaration.

Fort St George 24th May 1688.

To the Honble ELIHU YALE ESQR
PRESIDENT & GOVR &CA COUNCILL.

Honble Sr &ca.

Being order'd on board of the Dragon Capt Anthony Fenn Commander, as Chief Mate, by his Exellency Sr John Child, & after the decease of Capt Anthony Fenn, I was const[i]tuted Comander of Said Ship, by order of Mr George Cooke

——FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1688—— [24TH]

Chief &c[a] Councill att Gomroon in Persia, to navigate the Said Ship to Madras which being now performed.

Since my arrivall here your Hon[r] &c[a] has been pleased to Send Surveyers on board of the prementioned Ship Dragon, who finding the Ship not capable of performing a voyage to England, & likewise I have made enquiry what she may cost in making her capable of a voyage to England, which amounts to Rup[s] 15100 besides mens wages, to bee paid here, for which Summe I cannot find Creditt for, this is all from

Hon[ble] S[r] &[ca]
Your most humble Servant,
HENRY PENSAX

To Capt HENRY PENSAX,
COMMANDER OF SHIP
DRAGON &[ca] OFFICERS.

Upon a due Survey of your Ship Dragon by the Severall Commanders, Masters & Carpenters here, they have given us their joint opinions, in writing, as also your own particularly, that she is now very uncapable & unfitt for a voyage to England, or any other place with Safety, before She be repair'd & fitted, which also is calculated will am[t] to Rup[s] 15100 which you having declared that you have no Stock for, nor can take up So much here, upon the Ships Credit, & she being declared wholy unservicable without itt, Wee the President & Councill of Fort S[t] George, do therefore hereby discharge your Said Ship Dragon from the R[t] Hon[ble] East India Comp[as] Service & all Demorages, and other charges or demands that may arise thence, from the date hereof untill you Shall make her every ways able & fitting for the Said R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Service, till when wee do by these Presents discharge you & your Ship Dated att Fort S[t] George in the City of Madras the 24th day of May Anno 1688. *Ship Dragon's discharge.*

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
ROBERT FREEMAN.
THOMAS WAVELL.
NATH. HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.

Rec[d] a Letter from Mahomed Sadeeck att Wandawash, desiring that all the Braminees, Merchants & other people belonging to the Duan, particularly Madapa, may be turned out of this Town. 26. *Letter from Mahomed Sadeeck.*

Ship Retrieve George Paulin Master Sailed for Acheen. 27. *Ship Retrieve for Acheen.*

Reported that there has lately been an English Pirat att Trimlevas, Since which wee have rec[d] the following acc[t] Ship S[t] Antonio in Seven degrees latitude near Zelon mett an English Ship of 36 Guns but few men by which She was robbed totally except Some Vessells of wine, eight men killed, carrying away with them her Pilott, Boatswain, Chirurgeon & Some Marriners, that after Some dayes a ffrench Ship from Europe with 14 Guns & 40 men happened to meet with her, which Supplied her with a Pilott & brought her to St Thomá She came from Goa, Also a rumour in Town that there are four Ships arrived in Metchlepatam Road, with an Embassador & a Present of Elephants &c[a] from the King of Siam to the Mogull, but no news of itt from thence. *Report of an English Piratt att Trimlevas. Robbed a Portugues Ship. Rumour of Siam Embassadors att Metchlepa to the Mogull*

FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1688

MUNDAY 28.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}
MR JOHN GRAY S^{R} JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.
MR WAVELL *Sick.*

Warehouse acct for Aprill.

The Warehouskeeper Mr John Littleton read his Book of acc^{ts} for the month of Aprill, which was past in Councill.

Paymaster acct for March.

The Paymaster Generall Mr Nath. Higginson read his book of Acc^{ts} for the mth of March, which was past in Councill as followeth.

Charges Garrison	Pag^{o}	975 : 18 : 4
Charges Generall	„	623 : 35 : 5
Charges Diett	„	306 : 09 : –
Charges Extraordinary	„	28 : 18 : 2
Charges Cattle	„	36 : 25 : 2
Charges Merchandise	„	84 : 02 : 3
Acct Fortifications & Repairs	„	116 : 27 : 2
Expedition to Bengall	„	52 ; 23 : –
Expedition to Tenasseree	„	– : 25 : –
	Pag^{o}	2,225 : 05 : –

List of Actions enter'd.

The Register delivers in a List of Actions enter'd in the Court of Admiralty Since Munday last, which was read in Councill.

Mustar Ship Rochester.

Mr William Fraser delivers in his Muster of Ship Rochesters men to bee 81 living.

Mr Levisons acct of expences. How much allowed Mr Levison.

Mr Levison delivers in an acc^{t} of his Charges & Expences on the Dragon to Bombay & Persia amounting to Rup^{s} 305 but finding that the provissions laid in here for them am^{ts} to Pag^{o} [108] Itt is thought fitt that hee bee allowed but Pag^{o} 50 in full of his further charge, which wee esteem Sufficient, in consideration of what was laid in before.

List of Ship Dragons Stores. To be published and left att the Custome house.

Capt Henry Pensax delivers in Lists of Ship Dragons Stores wch are order'd to bee published & left att the Custome house, that all persons may have a view thereof, to encourage them in the buying of the Ship.

Gold ℘ Ship Dragon to be Coyn'd.

Order'd that the Gold rec^{d} from Persia Ship Dragon be weighed off to the Mint & coyned with all convenient Speed.

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JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

29 Letter to Sadeek Mahomed.

Letter from the President to Mahomed Sadeek in answer to one rec^{d} from him the 26th Ins^{t} assuring him that no person shall Shelter himself here to the Duans prejudice approved and Signed.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1688*——

[29TH]

Sloop Sophia John Strangways Master Sailed to the Southward. — *Sloop Sophia Sailed.*

30.

Recd a Letter from the Heer Laurence Pitt att Palliacat dated the 8th June, desiring that a Boat in this Road with Grain from Negapatam, might bee released, owning her & her Cargo to belong to their Company. — *Letter from Palliacat.*

Recd a Letter from Sounde Bollogie complaining of their ffortifying att Conimeer, & threatens hard if they do not take downe their great Guns. — *Letter from Sounde Bollogie.*

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 31.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR
MR JOHN GRAY SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.

Capt Perse having given us notice that his Ship is near unladen, & ready to take in Quintaledg, The Warehouskeeper is order'd to lade Saltpeetre aboard his Ship Bengall Merchant according to Charterparty. — *Quintaledge to be laden on the Bengall Merchant.*

Generall to Palliacat read & past advising to have released the Negapatam, Paddy Boat, the Governour having wrot the President, that she & her Grain belonged to their Company. — *Generall to Palliacat.*

Having recd a Letter from Sounde Bolloge of complaint for ffortifying Conimeer, desiring us to forbid their further proceedings therein, otherwise that he had orders from Court to prevent itt by force, but wee having now the Prince'ss Cowl, & authority for to mount Guns for the defence of the place, as the Dutch French have att Pullicherry & Tegnapatam, Itt is therefore thought fitt that Coppy of Said Letter be Sent to Mr Willcox &ca that we may hear their opinions thereon, before wee give any answer thereto. — *Concerning Sounde Bollege's Letter. Coppy to be Sent to Conimeer.*

Mr John Littleton & Mr Nathaniell Higginson report the weight of the Gold brought from Persia on the Rt Honble Compas acct upon the Dragon to bee
oz. dwt. gr.
3355 :—: 19 which is [*lacuna in the original*] then Invoyce, & what recd for freight to
oz. dwt. gr.
bee 139 : 17 : 06. — *Report of the weight of the Gold ℘ Ship Dragon.*

Discourst about Sending in pursuit of the Pirat but nothing agreed upon till wee Speak with the Europe Commanders, and know their inclinations & abillity for itt, the Pirat being reported to have 36 Guns mounted with about 60 Europeans, & his Ship well fitted also to consider what time 'twill now require to go & return from Acheen, whether 'tis supposed the Pirat is gone. — *Europe Commanders to be discourst about the Pirat.*

Pago 11 : 12 : 5 being due to Mr Benjamin Northy for Sallary to the time of his death, Itt is order'd to bee paid to Mr John Pitt, who married his widdow. — *Mr Northey's Sallary to be paid.*

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JOHN STABLES Secry.

4.

Ship Boa Vista Don Theodore de St Lucas Master arrived from Coodaloor & brought a Genll from thence without date with Bill of Lading for 145 bales of Callicoes & 36 bags of Indico laden on board her. — *Ship Boa Vista from Coodaloor. Generall &ca from thence.*

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1688*——

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present.

MONDAY, 4

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R.
MR JOHN GRAY S^R JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

List of Actions enter'd. The Register delivers in an acc^t of actions enterd in the Court of Admiralty Since Monday last, which was read in Councill.

Goo[ds] ℙ Ship Boa Vista to be taken ashoar. The Warehouskeeper is order'd to take ashoar what brought from Coodaloor & Portonovo in the Boa Vista, & that they bee examined according to our former orders.

Custome over paid to be allowed out of next entries. There having been Some mistakes in the charging & receiving the Customes of Severall persons, & the Customer being doubtfull in the repaying itt, without an order of Councill, Itt is hereby thought fitt, & order'd that all Such mistakes bee made good to the proprietors from the next entries they make.

Concerning the Vizagapatam Merchants & Mr Browne. The Vizagapatam Merchants being desirous to return home, they were Sent for, & 'twas demanded of them, whether they had any further charge against Mr Richard Browne, then his imposing his own goods upon them att unreasonable rates, delivering us an acc^t of quantities of comodities Sold them att high prises which Mr Brown acknowledged, but alledged 'twas the price curr^t of those parts, & that hee had sold Severall times, & to other Merchants att the Same rates for ready money, whereas hee gave them near 12 months for payment, & that these very Merch^ts importunatly desired to buy them att those rates, he having contracted with some Dutch Merchants for them, but upon their earnest entreaty perswaded the Said Dutch Merch^s to release half to them, to the truth whereof Said Mr Browne & Mr Charlton delivered in their depositions to the Council, to which they were duly Sworn, & are enter'd next after this Consultation.

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JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

Fort St George June the 4th 1688.

Mr. Brownes affidavit about the Vizagapa Merchants. To the Vizagapatam Merchants charge bearing date Aprill the 9th 1687 Richard Browne maketh Oath, That upon receipt of the Honble the President & Councills orders for himself & them (as is mentioned therein att their request) to repair to Fort St George, to have the Same examined, Hee did Summon the Said Merchants & Signified the Same to them, & delivered them, the late Presidents letter to themselves, & likewise commanded them to gett ready to go to Fort St George in convenient time, to vindicate their Said charge, But the greater part denied to have been concerned in any such charge, & that their hands thereto were forged, And as for those that were the authors thereof, being daily pressed by him to proceed to Fort St George to make out their Said charge, agreable to their own request, assuring them that himself or any others they Should desire, Should certainly repair thether, But finding them by many frivolous pretences, to evade their going he (that he might clear his reputation) offer'd to compell them thereto, upon which they promised him a Summe of mony, & offered to give itt him under their hands, that all that they had written was fals, provided hee would excuse their going up to the Fort, & continue to favour & credit them with such

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goods, as they Should desire as formerly, which proffer hee waved, acquainting them that 'twas no Small proceedure they had engaged themselves in, to charge him in So high a nature, & to make their applications to the President &ca that both he & themselves might bee order'd to appear att the Fort, that they might have right done them, which favour was now granted them, & that 'twas now impossible for him to clear his reputation (which they had in So great a measure Scandaliz'd) any other way but by their going up to the Fort for that neither the Rt Honble Compa nor the President & Councill would bee Satisfied of his integrity, unless both parties were examined upon this matter by the President & Councill att the Fort, & howsoever Slight a matter they made to impeach him, hee Should esteem itt, highly to import him fully to vindicate himself, of this charge, thereby to continue in the good opinion of the Rt Honble Compa & likewise in favour of the Honble President &ca and So order'd them under the charge of Severall of the Factory Peons, & compell'd them to come hither, notwithstanding their many delays & contrivances to avoid itt, Now as to the particulars alledged in the above-mentioned charge by the aforesaid Merchants, he further maketh Oath, That he never (as he remembers) pretended that the Rt Honble Compa sent to Vizagapatam Copper, Tutanague, Tin &ca goods therein Specified, neither did hee ever threaten the aforesaid Merchants to deliver them, or any of them, over to the Moors Government, if they did not comply with him, to take off goods as they alledge, but has often rescued them, out of the hands of the Government, when pretences has been upon them, And that hee had made an agreement & Sold the Said goods to two Bimlepatam Merchants, which the Vizagapatam Merchants understanding by their request, & importunity prevailed with him, that they might have the Said goods, att the rates & tearms agreed with the Bimlepatam Merchants, which were delivered them accordingly & no otherwise, being to the amount of Pago 5000 in the year 1685 & in or about the month of February 168$\frac{5}{6}$ Some of the above said Merchants of their own accords often Solicited him, for Severall goods he had then by him, & att length prevailed with him for them, about the rates mentioned in their charge, and they were weighed & delivered them, but when the other Merchants had notice thereof, they would not rest Satisfied unless part were delivered them, in which they were So very urgent, & those that had bought them obstinatly refusing them any Share therein, affirming that they had fairly bought the Said goods, that the difference & contention between them, about the Same, grew so high, that hee to oblige them both, thought convenient to order the goods to bee equally devided among them, provided they would bee equally engaged one for another, which before could never prevail with them to do, & that they would therewith commence an Investment of Callicoes in the usuall Sorts provided by them, & to put our Investment in a good forwardness they had of him in mony & goods to the amt of about 16600 Pago and also upon the arrivall of the Compas mony, which was about 19000 & came about 6 months after (as he remembers) that was likewise delivered them, So that they recd about 35700 of which the Rt Honble Compa had the choice of the goods brought in, in lieu thereof, and the Merchants certainly made a good advantage thereby, having the abovesaid goods about 12 months without any Interest, & for the greatest part of the Said goods, they gave no more, that what hee has Severall times Since Sold att for ready mony, & hee being forced after about 12 months time, to take the turned out Cloth, for his mony, att Such rates that hee lost considerably by them, has never Since in that manner dealt with them, thô often importuned by them, and presumes they have on that Score, exhibited the Said charge against him, not having in any other manner offended them, that hee remembers, neither can they in reason pretend the aforesaid goods were forced upon them, when they quarrel'd among themselves in So high a manner, who Should have them.

Jurat Coram me. RI : BRWNE.
ELIHU YALE.

[4TH] —— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1688* ——

Fort S^t^. George June the 4th 1688.

Mr Charletons affidavit concerning Mr Browne and the Vizagapatam Merchants.

Concerning the business between M^r^. Richard Browne & the Vizagapatam Merchants, Francis Charlton maketh Oath, That he never knew any time, that any goods were forced or imposed upon the Said Merchants, neither att any time were they threatned, forced or constrained on that acc^t^ as ever he knew of, but this hee very well remembers & knows that they have often come to him, desiring of him, that hee would bee So much their friend as to speak to Mr Browne & to perswade him, to Spare goods to them, & Severall times when the Said Merchants have come out of Mr Browne's Chamber he askt the Said Merchants, what was their business, & they told him, they came to request Mr Browne to Spare them Some goods.

And further he maketh Oath that the President &c^a^ orders for Mr Browne & the Said Merchants to come up to the Fort, many times Mr Browne has Sent for them, & told them they must go up to the Fort & make good what they had writt against him, they returned him answer, they had no business there, & what Should they do att the Fort, with that Mr Browne threatned them, & told them, that if they would not proceed on their journey to the Fort, hee would Send them up in Irons, many times hee had told them in this manner and att last hee compell'd them accordingly.

Jurat Coram me. FRA : CHARLTON.
ELIHU YALE.

5 Generall to Conimeer.

Generall to Conimeer dated this day approved & Signed, reprehending them for their long Silence, giving them orders about 20 English men that left the Piratt att Trimlevas, Sending them the Translate of Sounde Bollogee's letter for their opinions, ordring them to hasten the conclusion of their Investment, & if possible to provide the blue Cloth, wee lately order'd.

6 Pass given to Ship Lyon.

Pass given to Ship Lyon belonging to Mr Richard Browne John Knowlman Master.

Letter from Mahomed Sadeeck.

Rec^d^ a Letter from Mahomed Sadeek att Wandawas desiring that Maddapa may bee Sent to the Camp.

Generall from Coodaloor.

Rec^d^ a Generall from Coodaloor dated ℘^mo^ Instant, inclosing coppy of agreement made by Mr John Davis &c^a^ with Coodaloor & Portonovo Merchants, Also the Coodaloor & Portonovo Merchants Accompts Currants, they advise that their Merchants will undertake to bring in 100 Bales by the 20th July next, for ready mony & no Cloth, otherwise not, that the Dutch are making great provission of Long Cloth, which makes itt harder to bee procured now, then a Small time Since, that there had been an English Pirat att Trimlevas, & about 20 of her men run away, designing for the Mogulls Camp, & in their way passed wide of them, of which they having notice, had Sent to perswade them to come in, but they would not give Credit to their promises, So proceeded on their design, that in weighing off the Corall to their Merchants they find a great difference in the weight, They also Send us a Letter which they rec^d^ from the Braminee Sent up to treat with Eccogee about his Fort.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 7.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^
MR JOHN GRAY — S^R^ JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON — MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL — MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Acct Cash for May.

The President read his Cash Book for the month of May, which was past in Councill, the ballance examined being Pag^o^ 4151 : 14 : 0.

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In consideration that the Rt Honble Compas goods imported here, do not really pay Custome, Itt is order'd that what goods of theirs is Sold to any person, & exported Shall pay two & a half ℔ Cent Custome by the exporter. Custome on goods bought of the Compa & exported.

Generall to Bengall read & past advising occurrances in these parts & Surat, and giving them directions in the mannagmt of the Rt Honble Compas affairs. Generall to Bengall.

The Chirurgeon delivering in a List of Medicines wanting in the Hospitall, Itt is order'd that they bee bought, att as low a price, & as few as possibly, being in expectation of the Europe Ships. Medicines to be bought.

In consideration that wee have not yet a Sufficient Lading for a Ship for England, & there remaining many Bales att the Southern Factorys, upon the last contract in President Gyffords time, which wee have no oppertunity of bringing hither, but by Sending our Ships, & there also offering a freight of Paddy att Trincombar amt to Pago 1600 upon which consideration, and the Supply of the Town, Itt is agreed & order'd that the Bengall Mercht bee lett to freight, & dispatcht to Trincombar upon the tearms, and agreement hereafter mentioned, Also orders given him for the prosecution & Seizing the Pirat if near those parts. Of fetching the goods from the Southward. A freight of Paddy offered. Bengall Mercht lett to freight.

Contract & agreement made between us the Honble President &ca of Fort St George for the Rt Honble Compa & Mr John Afflœck Merchant, for affreightment of Paddy upon Ship Bengall Merchant, from Trincombar att Five Pago & a half ℔ Gars, the Ship to remain there twenty days after the day of her arrivall, & no more, upon penalty of paying the Rt Honble Compa her Charterparty demorage, that hee the Said John Afflœck is to be att the charge of lading & measuring aboard the Said Ship, & the Rt Honble Compa of unlading itt here, that he is to lade the Ship fully excepting the Steerage, Gun Deck & Cabbin, & to pay the aforesaid rate of Five Pago & a half ℔ Gars, for what shall bee wanting to fill the Ship, Witness our hands att Fort St George in the City of Madras the 7th day of June Anno 1688. Contract made for a freight of Paddy.

There being Pago. 844 : 23 : 4 due in the Metchlepatam Books to Chundore Jugga, & Mr Freeman having orders to receive itt, Itt is order'd to bee paid him upon his discharge. Debt to Chundore Juggapa to bee paid.

Order'd that Pago 1000 bee paid Mr Robert Freeman Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison &ca. P 1000 to be paid Mr. Freeman.

There being about 25 Seamen most English runaway from the Pirat Ship lately att Trimlevas called the Batchelors Delight Capt Read Commander, who plunder'd a Portugues Goa Ship off of Zeilon, since their departure from Trimlevas, The Chirurgeon of which Ship, named Harman Coppinger an Irishman, leaving his Said Company, came voluntarily hither, Submitting himself, whereupon the Governour promised his pardon, provided he would give him a full & true relation of their proceedings, Since their first undertaking this wicked design, & to acquaint us with the force, bigness & condition of the Ship, the names of her men, & her future intentions, & to bee confin'd till then, And the Judge & Justices of the Admiralty, are appointed to examine the Said Relation, & to give us their opinions thereon. And that all care bee taken to apprehend the rest of them, who wee hear are fled to a Fort called Wandewas, to Serve the Mogull, But they being lusty Stout fellows which the Garrison is greatly in want of, 'tis necessary to recover them. About the English Pirats.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
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JOHN STABLES Secry.

[7th] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1688*——

7. Two Passes given.

Passes given to Sloop George belonging to Mr. John Afflœck Edward Greenhill Master, & to Ship Delight belonging to Mr Thomas Lucas Robert Turlington Master.

8. Dispatches & Letter to Mahomed Sadeek.

Ship Bengall Merchants dispatch to Trincombar, Ship Recovery's dispatch to Kisnapatam & Bengall, & a Letter from the President to Mahomed Sadeek advising of Maddapa's going up, all dated this day approved and Signed.

9. Ship Lyon for Vizagapa.

Ship Lyon John Knowlman Master Sailed for Vizagapatam

Ship Princess of Denmark, arrived from England.

Ship Princess of Denmark Capt Joseph Haddock Commander arrived from England, and the Purser brought the two Boxes of particular Letters ashoar, which were delivered as directed, and the Generall Letters &ca taken by the President, ordring the Councill to meet on Munday morning, to peruse & consider thereon, The contents of Said Packett is as followeth. Compas Generall to the Fort dated 28th Septer 1687 Compas Generall to the Fort dated 12th Octor 1687 Coppy of the Compas Generall to the Fort ℘ the Resolution dated 8th Aprill 1687. Compas Generall to the Bay dated 28th Septr 1687 & Packett. Invoyce of the Princess of Denmark, Bill of Lading ditto, Charterparty ditto, Charterparty of the Loyall Merchant, Charterparty of the James, Commission under the larger Seal for displacing Mr Gray & establishing Mr Higginson, List of Coast goods to bee provided for the year 1689. List of ditto goods of which none are to be Sent, List of Bay goods to bee provided for the year 1689. Papers recd from Mr Davis concerning the differences between him & Mr Cawley, Extract of Mr Lucas's his Letter from Bencoolen dated 30th March 1687. List of Bullion Sent on accompt of private trade, List of Wines &ca Sent on accompt of permissive trade, Accomptants Generall Letter, dated 18th November 1687 On Said Ship came Six of the Rt Honble Compas Servants Vizt Nathaniell Halsey Factor. Amaure de La Saugere, Trevor Games, William Fowle, Joseph Chapman & Ralph Shelden writer.

Packett received by her.

Factor and Writers

Narrative of the Pirats.

Harman Coppinger Chirurgeon of the Pirat lately att Trimlevas now delivers a narrative of their proceedings Since they enter'd upon that wicked design, as enter'd in the Coppy Book of Letters recd.

10. Bengall Mercht for Trincombar.

Ship Bengall Mercht Capt Wm Perse Comdr Sailed for Trincombar.

11. Generall from Conimeer. Mr Willcox deceased.

Recd a Genll from Conimeer dated 9th Inst advising of the death of Mr Willcox' who departed this life att 7 in the evening.

Att a Consultation

Present

Monday 11.

Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governour

Mr Nath. Higginson	Sr John Biggs
Mr John Littleton	Capt Joseph Haddock
Mr Robert Freeman	Mr Thomas Wavell
Mr William Fraser	Mr William Cawley.

Mr Gray displaced.

Mr John Gray was Sent for, & the Rt Honble Compas Commission for displacing him was opened & read, when after some discourse thereon, Mr Nathaniell Higginson according to their Honrs order in Said Commission appointed to his place, & Mr Gray order'd to hast the delivering up all the Rt Honble Compas Books & Papers in his posession with a List thereof to Mr Higginson, The President also assured Mr Gray, that all due respects & justice Should bee Shewn him, & assisted as his business required, provided he deported himself as became him, Also Mr William

Higginson Succeeds in his place. Books &ca to be delivered him.

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Cawley was Sent for & acquainted with the R^t Honble Comp^a had done him, in appointing him of this Councill, which with Some advice for his prudent deportment, took his place as order'd, Capt Haddock also according to the R^t Honble Comp^{as} order was Sent for to Councill, & acquainted with their Hon^{rs} pleasure concerning him, who took his appointed place, next after Mr Littleton. 11.

Mr Cawley of Councill. Advice given him. Mr Haddock of Councill.

The R^t Honble Comp^{as} Generall Letters ℘ the Princes[s] of Denmark dated the 28th Sept^r & 12th Octr were read & as much considered of, as time would permitt, & whereas they have been pleased to make an alteration in this Councill, & thereby Some imployments vacant, Itt is order'd that Mr Thomas Wavell do return to his former place, of Justice of the Admiralty, that Mr William Cawley do Supply Mr Higginsons late employ of the Land Customes, & that Mr William Hall do officiate in Mr Cawley's place, of Receiver of the Customes. Mr John Littleton was also acquainted with the R^t Honble Comp^{as} pleasure concerning his paying Interest for the Ballance of his Paymasters acc^{ts} who alledges that the greatest part of Said mony was paid to the Shroff & Conicoply, & by them afterwards made good in acco^t to Mr John Gray as Paymaster, but those acc^{ts} not yet appearing to us, Mr Higginson Accomptant is order'd to inspect & examine the Same, & give his report to us, that we may judge rightly in the case, Mr Littleton was also order'd to unlade the Treasure from aboard the Princess of Denmark with all expedition, as also the other goods & Stores att first conveniency & that the Storekeeper do muster the Ships Company as usuall.

Genll Letters from the Rt Honble Compa considered.

Mr Littleton acquainted of paying Interest.

Ship Princess of Denmark to bee unladen.

Ships Company to be musterd.

Finding the R^t Honble Comp^a to bee now more possitive in their Customes both to English, Forreigners & Natives Itt is hereby agreed & order'd that itt bee duly paid accordingly, Notwithstanding what wee have formerly wrot or ordered in this case, thô wee Still hope the R^t Honble Comp^a will gratifie our request therein, in consideration of the low ebb of trade, & little proffitt thereon, Itt is also order'd that this Indulgence from the R^t Honble Comp^a to Forreigners & Natives be formally published in Town for the encouragment of those people, & the trade of the place, as also the R^t Honble Comp^{as} late proposall of Sending Bengall & China goods home to England, according to the List.

All persons to pay Custome alike.

The Indulgence to be published.

As also the proposall of Sending Bengall & China goods home.

This day having certain advice of the death of worthy Mr John Willcox, who really deserved the late encomium given him by the R^t Honble Comp^a having during his whole charge in those parts approved himself a most ingenious, faithfull Servant, & Some time before his death, did us the remarkable good Service of procuring a Cowl for the ffortifying of Conimeer, but he being gone & the place now wanting a Chief, & wee having not Stock Sufficient to employ those ffactorys of Portonovo & Coodaloor, Itt is hereby agreed & order'd that they both bee withdrawn, leaving only Some black Servants, to take care of the remains, and that Mr John Nicks do go thether within twenty days to Settle affairs there, & take charge of the R^t Honble Comp^{as} concernes, & hasten the conclution of their Investment, leaving the Coodaloor & Portonovo business to Mr Ingram &c^a with orders to conclude there & come to Conimeer as soon as possibly.

Mr Nicks orderd Chief of Conimeer.

His most Gracious Maj^{ty} & the R^t Honble Comp^a having given orders for the wearing his Coulors in the Fort, 'tis hereby agreed & order'd that the Union ffiag be hoisted tomorrow, & that all respects & Solemnity bee made Suitable to So great an honour, the Garrison & Train'd bands are therefore order'd to bee in Arms, & the Chief Inhabitants of all Nations invited to the Solemnity.

Union Flag to be hoisted.

The Register delivers in a List of Actions enter'd in the Court of Admiralty Since Munday last which was read in Councill.

List of Actions enterd.

ELIHU YALE.	R: FFREEMAN.
NAT: HIGGINSON.	THO: WAVELL.
J. BIGGS.	WILL: FRASER.
JOHN LITTLETON.	Wm CAWLEY.
JOS: HADDOCK.	

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Publication about paying Customes.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

The Rt Honble East India Compa out of their tender affection & generous indulgence to all their Inhabitants all well Christians, as also Moors & Gentues &ca of, & others trading to this their City of Madras, notwithstanding the considerations of their great charge of Fortifying, maintaining & defending the Garrison, place & priviledges with many other daily expences & charities, that greatly exceed the Customes & all other Revenues thereof, have thought fitt for the further encouragment of their people & trade, to lessen their Customes to five ℔ Cent, besides the usuall Small allowances to the Pedda Naigue & Town Conicoply, which all persons are to take notice of, And that if any Officer of the Customes Shall demand more, that complaint bee made of them, to the Gevernour & Councill, who will duly redress Such wrongs, & punish the unjust offenders, Dated att Fort St George in the City of Madras the 12th June Anno Dom̃ 1688.

ELIHU YALE.
NATH. HIGGINSON.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
JOS. HADDOCK.
ROBERT FREEMAN.
THOMAS WAVELL.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.

12. Genll from Coodaloor.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated 8th Inst with Invoyce of what laden on the Boa Vista, & advise to have Spared Captne Bromwell a Stay of 13 Inches, & that Mr John Davis used Some Coyles of Cordage but made no entry thereof, & that Books Letter C ballanced by Mr William Cawley appear to bee forced.

The Union Flag hoisted.

According to yesterdays appointment for the Solemnity of hoisting his Majesties Flag in this Garrison, the Governour made this evening a handsome collation upon the Fort house Tarrass, where hee was accompanied with the Councill & chief of the Rt Honble Compas Servants, most of the eminent freemen, & Inhabitants of the City, of all Nations and Casts, The Garrison three Companies being in Arms, also the Train'd Bands consisting of near 100 English men, commanded by Captain Robert Freeman, & Lievt John Affleck, who after an orderly march round the Fort, the Garrison Souldiers drew round within the Fort, & the Traind Bands without, when upon hoisting the Union Flagg upon the Standard, on the English Bastian, the Governour began a Glass of Toby to our Gracious Kings health & Royall Families, & his happy long Reigne, which was duely performed by all there, & honour'd with three Vollies of Small shott, & as many chearfull hurraes, from all the Souldiers, & Thirtyone pieces of Ordnance, which was answered by all the Ships in the Road, Also One & Twenty with hearty wishes of Success & prosperity to our Rt Honble Masters the Rt Honble East India Company and Nineteen to their Honble Governour Sr Josia Child, & the more to honour this occation there was Severall Prisoners freed & generous contributions to the poor, & the Souldiers as merry as Punch could make them, till night Silenced all in repose.

13. Generall to Coodaloor.

Generall to Coodaloor dated this day approved and Signed, giving them order to conclude their Investments, & lade their bales on the Bengall Merchant, appointing Mr Nicks Chief of Conimeer & to repair thether in twenty dayes, with other directions in the mannagment of the Rt Honble Compas affairs in those parts.

Generall from Conimeer.

Recd a Generall from Conimeer dated the 10th Inst advising that the remainder of their Investment may bee about 40 bales & will in a short time bee finished, that their Merchants cannot bee perswaded to provide blue long Cloth, they give their opinions concerning the Avaldars letter, & send us two of the Pirats, that were lately att Trimlevas.

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[13TH] 13.

Ship Delight Robert Turlington Master Sailed for Acheen. Delight Sailed for Acheen.

Ship Conimeer Merch^t^ Ant. Peniston Master arrived from Conimeer. Conimeer Mercht from Conimeer.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 14.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON S^R^
MR JOHN LITTLETON CAP^T^
MR ROBERT FREEMAN MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR WILLIAM FRASER MR WILLIAM CAWLEY.

Capt Haddock aboard, The rest of the Councill duly Summond.

The Storekeeper reports the Mustar of Ship Princess of Denmarks men to bee 148 living, 10 dead & 5 run away. Muster of Ship Princes men.

Being now upon Sending another Ship & Stock to Sumatra in pursuance of the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ orders, & not having rec^d^ any advices from thence Since the [*lacuna in the original*] thereby not knowing how their affairs Stand, & whether any bee living or not, & itt therefore being of absolute necessity that Some person bee Sent thether on this Ship, to Settle the business there, or mannage itt in case of mortallity of the rest, the President therefore proposed itt, to each of the Councill, to go thether, who upon Some discourse exprest their unwillingness thereto, and desire to bee excused in consideration of the unhealthyness of the place, alledging also that the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ had prohibited their removall, Itt is therefore left to further consideration to choos Some persons to go upon that business. About Sending to Sumatra. Proposed to each of the Councill to go. Desire to bee excused.

Capt Hampton Commander of the Recovery acquainting the President &c^a^ that his Ship being near laden with Stores & freight goods, She was uncapable of taking in a lading of Salt att Kisnapatam, & therefore is order'd to proceed directly for the Bay, & that the Ship wee intend to the West Coast, do in her way take in the Said Salt for Sumatra. Recovery to go directly to Bengall.

The R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ having Strictly prohibited in their Letter & List, the Sending them home any more Fig Indico, there being a quantity formerly provided att Coodaloor & Conimeer, upon former contracts in President Gyfford's time, Itt is order'd that the Warehouskeeper do dispose of itt here, itt bearing a good price or may bee employ'd in dying the blue Cloth wrott for. No more Fig Indico to bee sent home. What here to bee sold.

A Stock was also proposed to bee Sent to the West Coast, by the intended Ship thether, wherein was consider'd what we had lately Sent by the Success Frigat, Royall James & Madras Frigat, which with the Stock formerly advised to bee there by them, may amo^t^ to near Pag^o^ 60,000 Itt is therefore now agreed that wee do not exceed Pag^o^ 20,000 in Silver & goods, & that the Severall kind of Cattle, Stores &c^a^ bee Sent them by this Ship according to the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ order. A Stock to bee Sent to the West Coast.

In consideration of our late rec^d^ advice from our Vakeel att Gulcondah, that the Generall had made a peace, & procured the Mogulls Phirmaund, wherein hee believes, that we are included therein, & therefore desisted from further trouble & charge, in procuring a Generall Phirmaund according to our orders & wee having great reason to believe that the Generalls care & prudence would not omitt, to include us therein also. upon Some other considerations Itt is agreed & order'd that the Pag^o^ 10,000 formerly Sent our Vakeel on that acc^t^ bee remitted drawn, or Sent from him hither, and that a Letter bee wrott to the Vakeel accordingly. P 10000 to be Sent for from our Vakeel att Guloondah.

Order'd that the Storekeeper do make provission of Tanks and Mortivans according to the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ order, to Secure the Pitch & Tarr, that is Tanks & Mortivans to be provided for the Pitch & Tarr.

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The Stores to bee sold. expected by the Defence, & the Stores be Sold to as good advance, as may vend them currantly, Since they decay much by lying.

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JOHN STABLES Sec^ry^. W^M^ CAWLEY.

14. Letter from Mahomed Jaffer. Rec^d^ a Letter from Mahomet Jaffer about Some paintings formerly Stopt for not paying Custome.

15. Letter to Sounde Bollogie. A Letter from the President to Sounde Bollogee Avaldar of Conimeer about the great Guns planted att that Factory approved & Signed.

Generall to Bengall. Generall to Bengall dated this day approved and Signed advising of Ship Princes[s] of Denmark's arrivall here, & giving them directions in the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ affairs there.

16. General to Conimeer. Generall to Mr Holcomb & Mr Devett att Conimeer dated this day approved & Signed giving them advices & directions in the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ affairs att that Factory.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 18.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON S^R^ JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON CAP^T^ JOS. HADDOCK
MR ROBERT FREEMAN MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR WILLIAM FRASER MR WILLIAM CAWLEY.

List of Actions enter'd. The Register delivers in an acc^t^ of the Actions enter'd in the Court of Admiralty Since Munday last, which was read in Councill.

Mint Accompt for May. The Mintmaster Mr Nathaniell Higginson read his Acc^ts^ for Mintage duties of particular persons Gold coyned in the month of May which was past in Councill Pag^o^ 25671: 18 att ½ ₽ C^t^ Pag^o^ 128: 12: 87.

Persons appointed to examine the Commission out of Chancery. Commission & Packett from the High Court of Chancery in England with Interrogatories for the examination of Witnesses in behalf of the Governour, & R^t^ Honble East India Comp^a^ against Streynsham Master, to which examination were appointed Mr Nathaniell Higginson, Mr John Littleton & Mr Thomas Wavell, and the Said Commission &c^a^ papers being in number five deliver'd them.

Of Mr. Freemans going to the West Coast. The business of the West Coast being more particularly put to Mr Freeman, in consideration of his great abillity & experience in those parts, from the many voyages he has made there, hee was therefore desired to go upon the Princes[s] of Denmark, to inspect & Settle affairs there, as well as to encourage others to go, & to return upon her with Pepper hither, who having had some time to consider thereof, desires to bee excused going in regard the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ have not particularly order'd anything therein, but that the Councill Should not remove from their places here, as also that Mr Bloome is appointed by the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ and continues Chief there. (He desires to bee excused.)

A Law relating to Thatcht houses & vacant places. A Law relating to Thatcht houses & all vacant places & decay'd houses in the Garrison was read & past, the Substance as followeth Viz^t^. That all Thatcht houses bee Tyl'd & all vacant places or decay'd houses within the Garrison,

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commonly called the Christian Town bee built upon, or repaired for the conveniency of the Inhabitants, & Safety of the Fort, especially for those houses that Stand by the River Side, and adjoin to that wall, within four months after the promulging & publishing this Law, upon neglect whereof that Such houses & grounds bee Sold att a publick Sale, to Such persons that will build or repair them, which heads were delivered to the Judge Advocate to draw into form.

Capt Hampton delivering in a Bill of charges upon Ship Recovery the Storekeeper is order'd to examine itt carefully & pay the Same. Charges on Ship Recovery to bee paid by the Storekeeper.

Of making an Investment att this place.

The Princes[s] of Denmark being now arrived with a Stock for an Investment here, in Such goods as the Rt Honble Compa have appointed for the lading their great Tonnage home, But in consideration Chinna Vencatadry &ca Joint Stock Merchants are att variance, & in great disorder in their accts & their fund or Stock not appearing to us, So as to Secure the Rt Honble Compas trade by a contract with them, which, & the troubles in the Country has been the chief occations, that wee have not invested any share of our Small Stock here, nor intend itt, before they are better Setled, Chinna Vencatadry & Compa were therefore sent for, and acquainted with our intentions, of making an Investment here this year, Provided wee could do itt with Security from them, & the Government. The President therefore enquired of them if they had yet accomodated their differences, & Setled their Accotts and made good their obliged stock for the Security of the Rt Honble Compas trade with them, to which they made Such evasive answers, as gave us reason to believe they were Still in the Same disorder, wherefore after a long discourse on this business, the Councill came to this conclusion, that more time might not bee lost therein, Vizt To give the Said Chinna Vencatadry and Compa fifteen dayes for the composing their differences, Setling their Accots & stock, which if they duly make apparent to us, So that wee may Safely trade with them, then to proceed upon a contract & Investment, but if they fail herein, then to elect a new Chief and joint company of Merchants, that Shall deposite a Stock for the benefitt, expedition & Security of the Rt Honble Compas Investments, But 'tis also agreed that we entertain as many of the old Merchants as are willing to Subscribe and joyn with them, and bring in their money, all which was declared to the Said Chinna Vencatadry &ca Merchants, who were contented with our resolution, and agreed thereto. Concerning the Joint Stock Merchants differences. Fifteen dayes given them for composing their differences. If they fail therein a new stock to be proposed.

Postscript to Ship Recovery's dispatch dated this day, read and past ordring her Sailing directly to Bengall, without touching any where by the way, she being filled with Stores and freight goods. Postscript to Ship Recoverys Dispatch.

Order'd that the 2 Chests of Gold, recd ℔ the Princes[s] of Denmark bee weighed off to the Mint and Coyned. Two Chest of Gold to be Coyned.

Mr Evans and Mrs Haynes making their request to go on the Recovery to Bengall, with their necessarys and servants Itt is order'd that the Secretary do give the Commander an order to receive them. Persons going to Bengall.

Order'd that Pago 115 : 28 bee paid Don Theodoro de San Lucas for freight of goods he brought from Portonovo & Coodaloor in his Ship Boa Vista, on the Rt Honble Compas accompt. Boa vista's freight to be paid.

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WILL: FRASER.
WM. CAWLEY.

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JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}

19. *Sloop George for Bengall.*

Sloop George Edward Greenhill Master Sailed for Bengall.

20. *Generall from Coodaloor. Letter from their Braminee.*

Rec^{d} a Generall from Coodaloor dated 14th Instant, desiring a further Supply of mony to clear the R^{t} Honble Comp^{ns} debt to their Merchants, They Send a Letter which they rece^{d} from their Braminee, Sent to treat with Eccogee, & had order'd his return, there being no hopes of procuring the Fort, Also Coppys of their Consultations, Diary & Acc^{t} Cash for the months of Aprill and May.

Generall from Conimeer.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Conimeer dated 18th Instant advising that their Merchants cannot by any meanes be brought to contract for any blue Cloth, that Sloop Sophia arrived there the 15th Ins^{t} that they had Seized upon three English men which left the Williamson in Bengall, and three Dutch men, which run away from the Rochester att Portonovo, who they intended to Send hither, but the Dutch Commissary passing by just then, and intending to make a halt att Marracawn, they thought convenient to keep them a day or two longer.

THURSDAY 21.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

MR NATH. HIGGINSON	S^{R} JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON	Capt JOS. HADDOCK
MR ROBERT FREEMAN	MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR WILLIAM FRASER	MR WILLIAM CAWLEY.

Report of the weight of Two Chests of Gold.

Mr Nathaniell Higginson & Mr John Littleton report the weight of two Chests of Gold ℘ the Princess of Denmark to bee $\overset{\text{oz.}}{5455}$: $\overset{\text{dwt.}}{02}$: $\overset{\text{gr.}}{16}$: which is $\overset{\text{oz}}{1}$: $\overset{\text{dwt.}}{19}$: $\overset{\text{gr.}}{08}$: less then Invoyce, who also advises us of an Error in the Invoyce weight & amount of the Said Gold, being Short calculated $\overset{\text{lb.}}{16}$: $\overset{\text{oz.}}{11}$: $\overset{\text{dwt.}}{18}$: $\overset{\text{gr.}}{13}$: am^{ts} to £846 : 15 : 11 : which the Accomptant is order'd to charge & Cred^{t} in Acc^{t} accordingly.

Storekeepers acct for Aprill.

The Storekeeper Mr Thomas Wavell read his Acco^{tt} of Stores bought, Sold & expended in the month of Aprill which was past in Councill.

Att what price to Sell the Cordage.

Being Some dispute in the Sale & prises of Cordage, in consideration to encourage and encrease its dispose, and prevent its wast & damaging by lying Itt is agreed & order'd that the Storekeeper do dispose of itt, as Soon as he can att Pag^{o} 3½ ℘ θ to all English, as well the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Servants as freemen, and to fforreigners att Pag^{o} 4 ℘ θ thô the Commanders of the English Ships, sell itt much cheaper.

Persons appointed to the Mint business.

The R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} having for the better mannagment of the Mint appointed two of the Councill, to bee att the breaking of the Cakes, & putting them into the melting Potts, & taking off peeces for Assays &c^{a} as by their particular Rules in a paper delivered to the Mint Master, which wee order to bee particularly observed & that Mr Fraser & Mr Cawley of the Councill, & Mr Pitt & M^{r} Du Bois Factors, do See those orders duly executed.

Pay masters accts for May

The Paymaster Generall Mr Robert Freeman read his Book of Acc^{ts} for the month of May which was past in Councill as followeth.

Charges Garrison	Pag^{o} 831	: 30$\frac{3}{16}$
Charges Generall	,, 395	: 29$\frac{3}{8}$
Charges Diett	,, 329	: 25$\frac{1}{2}$
Charges Extraordinary	,, 4	: 11$\frac{3}{4}$
Charges Cattle	,, 38	: 25$\frac{5}{16}$
Charges Merchandise	,, 128	: 10$\frac{1}{8}$
Acco^{tt} Fortifications & Repairs	,, 138	: —$\frac{3}{8}$
Expedition to Bengall	,, 44	: 10$\frac{7}{8}$
Expedition to Tenasseree	,, —	: 25
	Pag^{o} 1801	; 24$\frac{1}{2}$

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Order'd that Pag^{o} 300 bee paid Don Theodoro de San Lucas for a house att Portonovo, which he gave a Bill of Sale to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} from himself, & the late Owner a Dutch inhabitant of Palliacat, which mony was accordingly paid, the house being very convenient and cheap, and will prevent the greater charge of house rent or building

P. 300 to be paid for a house bought att Porto novo.

Order'd that Pag^{o} 1000 bee paid Mr Robert Freeman Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison &c^{a}.

P 1000 to be paid Mr. Freeman.

Ship Dragons men, and others that have taken Prises from the Mogull and King of Siam, being very importunate for that allowance, the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} were pleased to encourage & animate them with, as by Said order of the 20th January 1685 Proclamed here, upon the commencment of Said Warr, but Such devissions being therein appointed to be made by a Court Martiall, 'tis therefore order'd that a Court Martiall be Summon'd for that purpose.

Seamen desire their allowance out of the prises.

A Court Martiall to beSummon'd.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
JOS: HADDOCK.
R: FFREEMAN.
THO: WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}. W^{M}. CAWLEY.

Mahomed Cassim Governour of Palliacat having desired a Pass for a Sloop belonging to his Son in Law, itt was order'd to be given him Viz^{t} Sloop Jaffry belonging to Allabux Pedro Cornelis Master. 21.

Pass given to Sloop Jaffry.

Ship Recovery John Hampton Master Sailed for Bengall. 22.

Recovery for Bengall.

The 3 English men & 3 Dutch men which were taken att Conimeer this day arrived here, under a Guard of Peons. 23.

Six Run-aways taken.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Conimeer dated 20th Ins^{t} advising that the utmost their Merchants can bee brought to, is to provide 4000 p^{s} blue Long cloth, & 1000 p^{s} Beteelaes in 2 months for all ready mony & no Europe goods, & that their last contract will bee Soon ended. 24.

Generall from Conimeer.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 25.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON S^{R} JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON CAP^{T}
MR ROBERT FREEMAN MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR WILLIAM FRASER MR WILLIAM CAWLEY.
Capt HADDOCK *aboard Ship.*

Wee having used all endeavours possible for the procury of Blue Long Cloth att Conimeer according to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} orders and recommendation of those goods, & having wrott & rec^{d} severall Letters thereon, the result of what they can possibly do, is, by their Letter of the 20th Instant, That their Merchants can bee prevailed with to provide no more then 5000 p^{s} blue Long Cloth, & those not Singly, but will oblige them to take off also 1000 p^{s} off 40 Cov^{d} Beteelaes, & to take off no Europe goods, but to bee paid in ready mony, att the bringing in the goods, which being directly opposite to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} orders to buy or Send any Beteelaes home, for their acc^{ts} wee do reject their offer, & if they will not do better must endeavour to prevail with our Merchants here, to Serve the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} occations in that way which their Hon^{rs} appoint, & not to direct our contracts for their own conveniency.

About blue Long Cloth.

Proposalls from Conimeer about blue Long cloth.

Said proposalls rejected. The Merchants here to provide.

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Genll. Books &ca by Mr Gray delivered. Mr. Higginson's report concerning them.

Mr John Gray according to an order of Councill of the 11th Ins^{t} when he was by the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Commission dismist their Service, delivers in this day the Generall Books & papers of Accompts relating to them, being according to Mr Higginsons report (enter'd next after this Consultation) wherein itt appears that the Books are behind hand from Aprill 1686 they being not yet ballanced, thô they were delivered him by the President in July ballanced to Aprill, & has often Since, both privatly & publickly been desired & required to take dilligent care to bring them up, which was as often promised to bee performed, but hitherto neglected, & itt being a weighty business & difficulty to recover Itt is order'd that Mr Higginson bee appointed the best assistance the place affoards, & therefore Mr Henry Mose being a good proficient therein, Itt is order'd that hee be taken off from his imployment in the Court of Admiralty, & wholy apply himself to the Books, also Mr William Proby, Francis Bett, & John Butterfeild who are the fittest Factors & Writers for that affair, The President also promises his best advice & assistance therein, So farr as his other weighty business will permitt, itt being of Such great consequence to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Satisfaction and the Security of our Selves.

Assistants appointed to Mr Higginson.

The President promises him his best advice.

List of Actions enter'd. Letter to Pollicherry.

The Register delivers in a List of Actions enter'd in the Court of Admiralty Since Munday last, which was read in Councill.

A Letter from the President to Monsr Martin Directore att Pudicherry read & approved, also Generalls to Coodaloor & Conimeer.

Concerning provision of Redwood.

The R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} having declared their little desire or occation for Saltpeetre Kintaledge, having great quantities att home, and Redwood being much more acceptable & proffitable, but being grown very Scarce & dear, by the long mortallity & troubles in the Country, wee found itt very difficult to gett Merchants to undertake the provission thereof, but att last have now prevailed with our Chief Carpenter Muttamorra, & Palliacunde Chitty to engage to procure & deliver us here 300 Candy in three months att Pag^{o} Two ℔ Candy, but will not bee perswaded to undertake for more, and Itt is order'd that Pag^{o} 400 bee paid them on that accompt, And therefore Itt is thought convenient that our people att Vizagapatam bee order'd to provide a large quantity of Ebbony, to Quintaledge our Ships.

300 Candy agreed for. P 400 to be paid the Redwood Merchants. Ebbony to be provided att Vizagapatam.

Concerning a Portugues fined for misdemeanors.

The Chief Portugues in Town having Petition'd the Governo^{r} &c^{a} to excuse the late fine of 200 Pag^{o} upon Anthony Carnera for his misdemeanors, who being very poor, & Suffer'd much by Imprisonment Itt is agreed that hee be released for Pag^{o} 60 which will bee an Obligation to the Portugues, who contribute that mony for him, & a good example to prevent future misdemeanors.

Gentue Town Surveyed. A regulation of the Choutrys & Markett places.

The Governour & Some of the Councill & Officers, visited & Surveyed the Severall Chowtrys & Markett places, giving order for their better regulation, & Settlement, & to repair & fitt the places for the conveniency of the Moveable Boteeks, & Stations for the Country markett folks, the better to Serve the Town, & collect their duties.

The Shroffs to manage their business in the Chowtrys. What each man is to pay.

A fine to be put on those that trade in any other place.

The Shroffs or mony changers with much & long dispute, were also prevail'd with & appointed to mannage their business & trades att the two Chowtries att the end of the new Boteka Shop rents for which the Chief & old Standers are to pay three fanams ℔ month, the young Shroffs two ffanams, & the boys one fanam a month to bee collected by the Land Customer, & 'tis agreed & order'd that whatever Shroff shall bee found changing mony, or buying or Selling Gold Silver or Jewells in any other place then the Said Chowtrys appointed for them, that they forfeit for the first offence One Pag^{o} for the Second five Pag^{o} & to bee banished the City for the third offence, & this chiefly to prevent the many cheats, committed by them upon Strangers & Simple people, as also the better to regulate their exchanges, which Sometimes are exorbitant, and also to bring a revenue to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} and improve itt.

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JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.	JOHN LITTLETON.	W^{M} CAWLEY.

—*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1688*— [25TH]

Fort St George, 25th June 1688.

To the Honble Elihu Yale EsqR
Govr & President &ca Councill.

The Rt Honble Compa having by their late Commission appointed mee to Succeed Mr Gray, Your Honr &ca thought fitt to order by Consultation that hee Should deliver to mee by List, the Generall Books and papers relating thereunto. Coppy Mr Higginsons report of the Genll Books.

Which List with what thereof belongs to the Books EE & FF I herewith produce, By which itt do's appear, that the Books EE (begun 1° May 1686 & continued to the 31th July 1687) are not ballanced, nor the remaines drawn out, And that of the Books FF (begun 1° August 1687 & ending 30th Aprill 1688) there is only one months accott Vizt August 1687 finished & passed in Councill, & that without the remains of the preceeding Books, And from August 1687 to Aprill 1688 (which are 8 months) there is nothing done towards the Journall.

So that Books EE are to bee reexamined & ballanced, 8 months of Books FF to bee brought up de Novo, the Books of the Currant year to bee carried on monthly, & I have also incombent on me the charge & accts of the Mint.

I earnestly request Your Honr &ca to consider & appoint by what meanes, this shall bee performed, So as that the Severall Books may go on togeather, & that they may bee finished in due time.

And that the Books GG of the present year may not run behind as much as the former, I humbly propound that the accts of remains ulto Aprill last, may bee delivered in as Soon as may bee, that I may begin the Books GG for if I deferr them till the other are finished, Itt is not unlikely but there may be Some Errors in particular accts or Some papers lost, whereby the finishing of the former Books may be detarded.

Honble Sr &ca
Your most humble Servt
Nath. Higginson.

Pass given to Ship Boa Vista Don Theodoro de San Lucas Owner and Master. Pass to Ship Boa Vista.

Recd a Letter from Mahomett Sadeek advising to have Sent a Cowl to the Braminees belonging to the Duan, & desires they may be Sent him. 26. Letter to Mahomed Sadeek.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 23th Inst advising to have finished their contract att Coodaloor, & clear'd acct with those Merchants & were preparing to go to Portonovo, where they hear the Merchants have a considerable quantity of goods ready, & hope 8 or 10 dayes may end their business there, that their Merchts will not provide any blue Cloth, on the tearms to take Europe goods or make a proportionable abatement, that they had argued with their Merchants about the Intrest & lost Cloth att the Washers which they hope will bee considered by the Honble President & Councill that their Generall Books are ready for transcribing, that there is a remain of Corrall &ca Europe goods att Coodaloor, which they desire an order about, that they having Sent for their Braminee who went up to treat with Eccogee, hee was returned. 27. Generall from Coodaloor.

Att a Consultation

Present

Elihu Yale EsqR President & GovernR — Thursday 28.
MR Nath. Higginson SR John Biggs
MR John Littleton CapT Jos. Haddock
MR Robert Freeman MR Thomas Wavell
MR William Fraser MR William Cawley.

Some discourses about the disposall of Capt Haddocks Ship, but the Survey of the Rochester, not being yet given in She not being yet unladen, but reported About Capt Haddocks Ship.

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& believed that she is unfitt to proceed upon any voyage before She is repaired our resolves about the dispatch of her & the Princess of Denmark, is deferr'd till they bring in the report of her Survey & condition.

Warehous acct for May. The Warehouskeeper Mr John Littleton read his Book of accts for the month of May which was past in Councill.

Sea Customers accts for May. The Sea Customer Mr Thomas Wavell read his Book of accts for the month of May which was past in Councill as followeth.

Sea Custome for goods is	... ...	Pago	624 . 28 : 06
Ditto for Slaves	... ...	„	88 : 18 : —
Ditto for Tonnage	... ...	„	58 : 27 : —
Ditto for Anchorige	... ...	„	29 : — : —
Ditto for weighing	... ...	„	8 : 23 : 28
		Pago	809 : 24 : 34

Permission to Send home Pepper. The Rt Honble Compas permission for Sending home China & Bengall goods being published, Itt is order'd also that the Same liberty for Sending home Pepper upon the tearms exprest in the James Charterparty bee also declared, & that all persons that please may make use of Said liberty accordingly.

Town Broakers appointed. The Town broakers that were formerly employed in the makeing of Contracts & Bargains between buyers & Sellers being removed or dead, Itt is order'd that Cassa, Packeer Mahmaudu, Ramadas, Veragu & Mothera Paupa bee appointed to that business, for the preventing cheats & abuses upon Strangers, that may happen in Town, & that the duty of one ℔ Cent broakerige bee half brought to the Rt Honble Compas acct & the other half for themselves, to bee recd monthly by the Land Customer.

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WM CAWLEY.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

Cowol to the Town Brokers. A Cowl granted by the Honble Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governr &ca Councill in Fort St George to Cassa; Packeer Mahmaudu; Ramadas; Veragu; and Mothera Paupa.

Wee the President & Councill of Fort St George, and City of Madras having had Severall complaints of injuries done to Merchants, by the Broakers, which taking into our consideration, do find itt will bee advantagious to the place, & encouragmt to trade, & Satisfaction to Merchants, that Some trusty experienced men bee appointed for publick Broakers to the Town, to make Bargains & Contracts, that thereby no Strangers may bee wronged in the price current of Commodities, & their Measures & Weights, and we having good Characters, of Cassa; Packeer Mahmaudu; Ramadas; Veragu; & Mothera Paupa for honest able men, Wee do hereby appoint them only to be Broakers in this City of Madras & liberties thereof, & they are to take no more then One ℔ Cent of the Seller, of which one half Shall bee duly paid to the Land Customer for the Rt Honble East India Company's accompt, the other half to bee devided into Six Shairs, whereof Two are for Cassa, hee having been long in that employment, This Cowl to continue during their lives; if no injustice or misdemeanor bee committed by them, and then Such persons that So offends shall forfeit the Summe of One hundred Pagodas to the Rt Honble Compa & bee for ever turned out of his employment & the Town, upon penalty of Seveer punishment for returning, & whosoever of the

abovemention'd Shall bee found faulty herein, Shall bee liable to the abovesaid penaltys, Given under our hands & the Rt Honble Compas Seal, the Eight & Twentieth day of June One Thousand Six hundred Eighty and Eight.

ELIHU YALE.
NATH. HIGGINSON.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
ROBERT FREEMAN.
THOMAS WAVELL.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.

Ship Boa Vista Don Theodoro de San Lucas Sailed for Manilla. 28. Ship Boa Vista for Manil la.

Pass given to Ship Mindanao Merchant Nathaniell Russell Master, & this night she Sailed for Mindanao. 30. Pass to Mindanao Mercht.

Capt Haddock & Capt Bromwell being aboard & our business relating to their Ships, this days Consultation was deferred till tomorrow for their coming ashoar. MONDAY. JULY 2. No Consultation.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAO

Present

TUESDAY 3.

ELIHU YALE ESR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON CAPT JOS. HADDOC
MR ROBERT FREEMAN MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR WILLIAM FRASER MR WILLIAM CAWLEY.

The Register delivers in a List of Actions enter'd in the Court of Admiralty Since Munday last, which was read in Councill. List of Actions enter'd.

A Generall to our Vakeel Coje Abanus att Gulcondah for drawing away the Pago 10000 of the Rt Honble Compa in his hands concluding the Generall has incerted this place and Bengall in the Phirmaund lately obtained by him from the Mogull, but if the Vakeel is Satisfied to the contrary from Surat, or find itt by the Phirmaund given the Generall, then that hee takes up mony, and follows our former orders, read and approved. Generll to Coje Abanus.

Order'd that Pago 1000 bee paid Mr Robert Freeman Paymaster Generall, to defray Charges Garrison &ca. P 1000 to be paid Mr. Freeman.

The Persons appointed to the Survey of Ship Rochester, having delivered us their opinions in writing, (as enter'd next after this Consultation) wherein they possitivly declare her uncapable of making a voyage, by reason of a great leak in her Bow, whereupon Capt Bromwell was Sent for, & acquainted therewith, who also acknowledged the Same, when the President &ca offered him, that if hee would indemnifie the Rt Honble Compa from Demorage during the time hee was repairing his Ship, they would permitt his going to Some place to fitt her, & upon his return to reentertain him in the Rt Honble Compas Service, & employ him therein as wee should find occation, which hee possitivly refusing to give under his hand, therefore wee having no other course left to clear the Rt Honble Compa from the charge of Demorage but by casting his Ship, as being insufficient & unserviceable, which is hereby agreed & order'd to bee done, & that a Protest bee given him accordingly, but that hee also bee acquainted, that after his return to this Port, wee Shall employ him, Provided hee allow us So much time, as hee Spends of his Charterparty, for his occations & the necessary repair of his Ship, which is to continue after the expiration of his Charterparty, he was also offered all the Report of the Survey of the Ship Rochester. Said Ship discharged.

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men, materialls, recommendations, & other assistances we could give him, which is order'd to bee perform'd accordingly.

Mr. Cawley made Justice peace.

Mr William Cawley being appointed Land Customer, & from that Station & business troubled with many complaints from the Town people, wee do therefore also appoint him to bee one of the Justices of the peace & that hee doth moderatly & prudently discharge itt, And not to adjudg any materiall fine or punishment, without the advice & opinion of one or more of his brethren, Such Offices greatly importing the good encouragment of the Town, & therefore to bee done with discretion and good consideration.

To adjudg no materiall fine without one more.

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JOHN STABLES Secry. WM CAWLEY.

On board Ship Rochester June 27th 1688.

Coppy Report of the Survey of Ship Rochester.

Whereas wee the Subscribers having been Summon'd by order of the Honble: President and Councill of Fort St George for affairs of the Rt Honble East India Compa to Survey the Ship Rochester, and in obedience to Said order, wee Said Subscribers do give the following acct according to our best judgment, conscience & Skill, Vizt Wee the Surveyers Seing all parts of the Ship Rochester, & find all parts to our Sight in good condition, that is to Say nothing Started or budged, that is where wee have been, that is to Say in the Hould, the Arlop, & between Decks, all in good well condition & firm, knees, beames, clamps, Standards, & brest hooks all to bee good, only one Leake that wee find in the Bowes, which by going to a place convenient, where that they can careen, to Strip the Sheathing that they may come att the Leak & Search the Bowes & between the Wales, she may bee a Servicable Ship, for to carry Compas or Merchants goods from the Said Port, to the best of our Judgment, but as she now is, & without Stoping the Said Leak, she is not fitt to go for England.

WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM DIXON.
RICHD BURRAGE CARPr.
EDWD COTHAM CARPr.
EDMD CUMPER.

Honble President
&ca Councill.

Coppy of Capt Brom-

By a Survey order'd to Survey the Ship Rochester, by your Honr &ca June the 27th 1688 The Said Surveyers has found the Said Ship unservicable for the Compa att present, Therefore I desire & request, your Honr &ca Councills leave to go to Trincomala, being no other place on the Coast So convenient, where wee may stop the Leak, & do all the work which the Said Surveyers has order'd, or any thing elce that shall bee found amis, I desire your Honrs favour to get mee a Letter of recommendation from the Chief of Pullicat, that I may bee civilly treated with any thing I want for my mony, that the place affoards, which is all required att present from

Your honrs very humble
Servant to command
JOHN BROMWELL.

July the 4th 1688.

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To Capt JOHN BROMWELL,
Commander of Ship Rochester.

Upon a due Surveigh of your Ship Rochester, by the Severall Commanders, Masters & Carpenters here, they have given us their joint opinions in writing, as also your own particularly, that she is now by a great Leak in her Bow, made very uncapable & unfitt for a voyage to England, or any other place with Safety before her leaks bee Stopt, which you declare cannot bee done here, therefore that you must of necessity go to Some convenient place for that purpose, She being declared wholy unservicable without itt, Wee therefore the President and Councill of Fort St George, for acc^t of the R^t Honble East India Comp^a do hereby discharge your Said Ship Rochester, from their Service, & all Demorages & Obligations by Charterparty, & all other charges & demands whatever, that may arise thence, from the date hereof, untill you shall bring her again to this Port, & she Shall appear by a due Surveigh, to bee able & fitting for the Said R^t Honble Comp^as Service, till when wee do by these Presents discharge you and your Ship, Dated att Fort St George in the City of Madras the 3^d day of July Anno 1688. Coppy Ship Rochester's discharge.

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ROBERT FREEMAN.
THOMAS WAVELL.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.

Ship Conimeer Merchant Anthony Penniston Master sailed for Acheen. 3. Conimeer Merchant Sailed.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR — THURSDAY 5.
MR NATH. HIGGINSON S^R JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON CAP^T JOS. HADDOCK
MR ROBERT FREEMAN MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR WILLIAM FRASER MR WILLIAM CAWLEY.

The President read his Cash Book for the month of June which was past in Councill, & the ballance examined being P 31341 : 19 : 3. Cash Accompt for June.

Capt Bromwell representing to us, his necessity for mony to repair his Ship & desiring the Two Thousand Dollars allowed in Charterparty to bee paid him, Itt was taken into consideration, & resolved, that without hee has an absolute necessity for itt for the charge of his Ship, & that itt cannot bee avoided, that none be paid him, till his return, the Ship being discharged the R^t Honble Comp^as Service for the present. Capt Bromwell desires $ 2000. not to bee paid if can be avoided.

Order'd that the Saltpeetre bee taken ashoar from the Rochester, she being designed to Trincomala to bee repaired. Saltpeetre to bee taken out of the Rochester.

The R^t Honble Comp^a not having Sent out any Phisick for use of this Garrison, & a good Chest offering to Sale, Itt is order'd that the Doctors do view itt, & report i'ts condition & price to the Councill, & that itt bee bought as reasonable as possible, there being great necessity for itt for the Souldiers brought upon the Princes. A Chest of Phisick to be bought.

The fifteen dayes being three Since expired that were allowed to Chinna Vencatadry &c^a Merchants, for the Setling their acco^ts paying their Debt to the R^t Honble Comp^a & to make appear where, & in what their joint Stock of Pag^o 50000 lay, that was obliged for the Security of the R^t Honble Comp^as trade with them, who being Sent for to Satisfie us therein, but after long expectation, Sent us The Joint Stock Merchants time expired.

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only evasive excuses, that Some of them were Sick, others absent, & most indisposed, thô the reall truth is, that they have done nothing towards that business, nor wee doubt by their delays do intend itt, having been two years about itt to no purpose, most of them having an aversion to Chinna Vencatadrys proceeding or being concern'd with them, from his being behind hand in his parts of stock & from other differences & disputes in acc[t] with them, 'tis therefore agreed that a new Stock bee proposed, & to entertain as many of the old Merchants, & other able ones, as will bring in their mony towards 100 Shares, att Pag[o] 250 each Share.

A new joint stock to bee proposed.

Wee having discharged the Rochester, the disposall of the Princes[s] of Denmark, was taken into consideration, & proposed to the Councill, whether to go to the West Coast, or Bengall, & by reason wee have Sent already to the former the Royall James, & Two Small Frigats which have carried Supplies, & what Stock wee can Spare, & are more wee fear then they will bee able to lade, besides the Severall Ships intended thether with recruits directly from England, Itt is agreed that she bee Sent to Bengall, where she may bee more Servicable to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] & bring up a lading of provissions, & what goods they may have by them, or Sent to Persia or home with permission goods, & that in her way She touches att Kisnapatam, to take in the Salt, of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] that has long layn there, & to proceed thence to Vizagapatam, for conveyance of the R[t] Honble Companys Servants & Stock for that Factory.

Disposall of the Princess of Denmark.

Order'd for Bengall.

To touch att Kistnapatam & Vizagapatam.

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WILL: FRASER.
W[M] CAWLEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec[ry].

7. Generall from Conimeer.

Rec[d] a Generall from Conimeer dated 5th Ins[t] advising that all they can bring their Merchants to, is to undertake the Investm[t] of blue Cloth, Provided they may bee assured of Something hereafter considerable on better tearms, that the rest of their Investment will bee ready, for the Bengall Merchant, that the rest of the Pirats they hear are att Wandewas, three Gentue Leagues from them, in the Mogulls Service, & receive each man Pag[o] 7 ℔ month, that they had writt to them, but the persons Sent were not yet returned, that Sounde Bollogie had been att the Factory, whose friendship they had engaged for the vallue of Pag[o] 10 and that all differences was made up with the Duan.

ATT A CONSULTATION.

Present

[MONDAY 9.]

ELIHU YALE ESQ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M[R] NATH. HIGGINSON S[R] JOHN BIGGS
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON Cap[t].
M[R] ROBERT FREEMAN M[R] THOMAS WAVELL
M[R] WILLIAM FRASER M[R] WILLIAM CAWLEY
Cap[t] HADDOCK *aboard Ship*

Mr Daniell Gyfford appointed second of Conimeer.

Wee having recall'd the Southern Factorys to Conimeer only, in consideration of the great charge, & little Stock wee have to imploy in them, & Conimeer being now in the nature of a Garrison, having Severall Peeces of Ordnance mounted, & a Guard of about 50 Souldiers, 'tis requisite that Since their business will bee greater, that their assistance be proportionable, to itt, & M[r] Daniell Gyfford being of a long

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Standing & experience in India, wee do appoint him Second of Conimeer, esteeming that place now Senior to the Chiefship of Vizagapatam, & was order'd to hasten thether, to take charge of, & carry on the Books.

Streets & buildings in the Gentne Town out of order: A Law to bee made.

The Governour upon a late Survey of the Gentue Town finding the Streets & buildings much out of order, occation'd by the late mortallity & famine, Itt is agreed & order'd that the following Law bee made & published for those Inhabitants Suitable to their condition & circumstances, as was lately made for the Inhabitants of the Christian Town Vizt.

The Law.

That two persons dwellers in each Street, bee appointed by the Justices to bee overseers thereof, for collections of all assesmts thereon, & keeping the Streets in repair & good order, and there being many places in the streets run to decay, & others vacant to the great injury, inconveniency & annoyance, of the place, therefore that itt bee published, That if all Owners & proprietors thereof, do not in Six months, decently repair, build or well fence the Same in, with a Substantiall wall, or Sell them to those that will that they bee forfeited to the Rt Honble Compa to bee Sold or disposed of, as they shall think convenient.

Goods to bee exported free having once paid Custome.

Itt being the Rt Honble Compas late orders that there should bee no distinction, between English, Europeans & Native Inhabitants but that their Customes, should bee equally alike as well in importation, as exportation, which having not yet been particularly declared, Itt is hereby order'd that itt bee anexed to the Rules of the Custome house, that all Sorts of goods imported by any person whatever, having once paid the Custome of five ℔ Cent, may freely export the Same goods, when they please without paying further Custome.

Mr Browne lays down the Chiefship of Vizagapatam

Mr Richard Browne being Senceible of the Councills dissatisfaction, of his late mannagment of Vizagapatam, came this day before us, making itt his request, (since his late Services had not been so acceptable to us, as he designed, that hee might bee appointed to some other place, according to his station & Merrit, & that wee would think of Sending Some other person to Supply the Chiefship of Vizagapatam, to whom hee wisht better Success then he had, which considering & the late differences he had with the Merchants &ca there, thô hee has cleared himself, from their charge, by Mr Charltons & his own Oath, yet we Judge itt more for the Rt Honble Compas Intrest, & improvement of the place, to send some other experienced person to mannage the affair of the Government of that Town & trade, which wee think is capable, of greater improvment, then has been yet made thereon, Also upon perusall of Mr Brownes accts wee find he has charged Pago 337 for two Country guard Ships to Secure the Rt Honble Compas Stock & treasure in that Factory from the troubles of the Country, which appeared then to bee very dangerous, but doing this without our particular order, or any Consultation among themselves, they also appearing to bee his own Ships, & as well to Secure his own estate, as the Rt Honble Compas Itt is thought fitt & agreed that hee bee allowed but Pago 100 of the said Pago 337.

Charge of keeping a Guardship att Vizagapatam. What to bee allowed on that acct.

Ship Princes of Denmark to Sail in few days.

Ship Princes[s] of Denmark being order'd for Bengall, & to touch att Vizagapatam & intending to Sail in few dayes, the Councill proceeded to an election of a Chief & Councill, and Stock for that place as followeth.

Concerning the setling of Vizagapatam ffactory.

John Stables being next Senior upon the place, under the Councill (who the Rt Honble Compa have order'd not to bee removed from their stations here,) the Chiefship of Vizagapatam, falls to his right by Succession, & wee hope merritt too, believing him a person very fitting & well quallified for such a charge & from our long experience of his fidellity & great dilligence in the Severall charges committed to him, as when As[si]stant to Mr Bridger & Mr Wilkes in keeping the Generall Books, & after in the Office of Secretary, which hee discharged with So great care & punctuallity, that wee have reason to expect a good reformation in the affairs of Vizagapatam Factory & Government, with the ingenious good assistance of Mr William Hall, from his integrity & great Skill in Callicoes, & other peece goods, which wee hope will make a great improvement of the manufactories of those parts, the Weavors there, being very enclinable to variety of works, & do

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now make more then any on this Coast, therefore upon these & other just & good considerations, we appoint & settle that Factory Viz[t].

Chief & Councill appointed for Vizagapatam.

JOHN STABLES CHIEF.
M[r] WILLIAM HALL 2[d] of Councill
M[r] DANIELL DU BOIS 3[d] of Councill
M[r] CHARLES FLEETWOOD 4th of Councill

Assistants appointed.

Assistants Viz[t].

JOHN ONEAL.
HEIGHS TILSON.
JOSEPH CHAPMAN.

and Modepa Ancopa Chief Dubass hee being well acquainted with that place and trade.

A Chief Dubas order'd. A Stock for Vizagapatam.

And 'tis agreed & order'd to send down these persons by Ship Princes[s] of Denmark, with a Stock of Pag[o] 20000 Viz[t] Pag[o] 15000 ready mony, & Pag[o] 5000 in Europe goods, as Broad Cloth fine & ordinary, Cloth Rashes, Serges, Perpetuanos, Allom, Red Lead &c[a] which wee hope they will dispose of to their Merchants upon contract, thô little has been done yet therein.

The Register delivers in a List of Actions enter'd in the Court of Admiralty Since Munday last, which was read in Councill.

List of Actions enterd. Mr Littletons acct of Intrest made up & to be paid.

The Accomptant bringing in his report, of Mr Littleton's debt to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] upon ballance of Books DD wherein itt [appea]rs, that M[r] John Littleton, was indebted Pag[o] 1470: 12 for Ballance of his Paymasters acc[t] whereof Pag[o] 653 : 20 : 4 appears to have been in the Shroffs hands att the Surrendry of his employment to M[r] John Gray Succeeding Paymaster, the Intrest whereof must be accompted for, & made good by the Said Shroff, & that the Intrest of the remaining Pag[o] 816 : 27 : 2 be made good by M[r] John Littleton, to the time of Payment, only two months allowed him & to all other employments for making up their acc[ts] which appears to bee 14 months 20 dayes, att 9 ℔ Cent ℔ Annum a[mts] to Pag[o] 89 : 30 : 2 which M[r] John Littleton is order'd to pay into the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Cash, which order hee being acquainted with, readily Submitted thereto.

Mr William Proby appointed Secretary.

The Secretaries place being vacant by the removall of John Stables to Vizagapatam, Itt is order'd that M[r] William Proby do Succeed him in that Office, in all respects being well quallified for itt & to enter upon itt on Thursday next, to whom the late Sec[ry] John Stables is to deliver up all Books, Letters, Papers, &c[ca] relating thereto, with a List thereof Signed by him.

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WILL : FRASER.
W[M] CAWLEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec[ry].

9. Letter from Coje Abanus.

Rec[d] a Letter from our Vakeel Coje Abanus att Gulcondah, with one from Nabob Ettabar Cawn to him from Viziapoor, wherin hee advises him, that the Mogull, had sent his Phirmaund to Surat, & So no need of his coming up, whereupon Coje Abanus again desires us to order the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] mony out of his hands, as Soon as possibly wee can.

10. Pass to Ship Dragon.

Pass given to Ship Dragon belonging to M[r] James Wheeler Henry Pensax Master.

Letter to Coje Abanus.

Letter from the President to Coje Abanus our Vakeel att Gulcondah read & approved, being in answer to his Letter rec[d] yesterday, & desireing authentique coppies of the Phirmaund sent to Surat, as also the Nabobs Perwanna's to the

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Severall Govern[rs] att Metchlepatam Madapollam & Gingerlee, for the encouragment of our just and peacable trade as formerly.

Rec[d] a letter from Conacapilla Gopallo at Kishnapatam concerning the Salt lying there. 12.

M[r] Daniel Gyffords Petition, for the second ship of Conimeer.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 12.

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M[R] NATH. HIGGINSON
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON CAP[T] JOS. HADDOCK
M[R] ROB[T] FREEMAN
M[R] WILL[M] FRASER M[R] WILLIAM CAWLEY.

Commission & Instructions to M[r] John Stables Cheif &c[a] Councill at Viziagapatam, for the well Governing and management of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Affaires there read and approoved.

Commission & Instruction to Mr. John Stables Cheife &c[a] Councill at Vizagap.

Rec[d] this day a letter from Kisnapatam from our salt Merchant, that the Boats they had provided for the ladeing the salt aboard o[r] ships could not be perswaded to stay any longer, but were gone out of that River upon their Paddy trade, so that there will be noe possabillity of [Ladei]ng the salt in any reasonable time, aboard the [Pr]incess, they also writeing us they are in hopes of selling the salt for the prime cost notw[th]standing much of it is wasted by rains and its long laying there, upon w[ch] Consideration tis agreed & order'd that y[e]: salt be sold at the best rates they can procure to clear that old Acc[tt] and y[t] ship Princess be dispatch't, hence for Viziagapatam w[th] all Expedition that they may have the more time to Invest the Stock [we se]nd by her.

A letter from Kisnapatam.

Order'd yt the salt be sold at ye best rates procureable. Ship Princess to be dispatcht.

The Powdermakers delivering their Acc[ts] were found Debtors to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] Pag[s] 70: 30: but they alledge they have lost considerably by it by the dearness of Labour and Charcoal, and that Presid[t] Gyfford had promised upon the last contract to allow them something for that charge, It is therefore agreed & order'd y[t]: 10 pag[s] be allow'd them towards it and that 100 Pag[s] to be advanced for the Provision of Powder.

Powdermakers found Drs Pags 70: 30: to ye Rt Honble Campa. Order'd yt 10 P: be allowed to the powdermakers.

Order'd that Charlton & Milemay be Assistant to M[r] Cawley in the Customehouse, and y[t] one of y[m] be constantly at y[e] Chowltry to prevent defrauds in the Customes.

Charlton & Milemay to be Assistants to the land Customrs.

M[r] Hall being appointed Second of Viziagapatam M[r] Roberts is order'd to be in his room as Receiver Provision of the Sea Custome house.

Mr Roberts appointed Receiver provisionall of the Sea Customes.

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WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

13. Genll from Conimere. Lett from Capt Perse.

Recd a Generall from Conimere dated the 10th Instant adviseing of 155 Bales lying ready att Cuddolore to be putt aboard the Bengall Mercht.

Recd a letter from Capt Wm Perse Commandr of the Bengll Mercht wth a Dyary relateing to His Voyage to Trincambar, dated the 6 Instant.

Genll to Bengall. A lettr to ye Dutch Comisy.

A letter to the Rt Worpll Agent & Councill in the Bay read and past.

A Letter to the Dutch Commissary at Sadraspatam desireing his leave and Assistance for the Fitting of Ship Rochester in Trincomala River.

14. Ship Dragon saild. Sloop Speedwell saild.

Ship Dragon saild this Afternoon for Viziagapatam. Capt Henry Pensax, Commander.

Sloop Speedwell Saild in Company wth the Dragon for Viziagapatam.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 16.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

MR NAT: HIGGINSON	SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON	CAPT JOSEPH HADDOCK
MR ROBT FREEMAN	MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR WILLM FRASER	MR WILLM CAWLEY.

Apogee Pontulo procured a Cowle for our farming of St Thoma & its agencyes at 3800 Pags ₱ ann: and 1000 pags piscash to ye Seerlascar. engages to remove the Portigueze & settle wm we please

Apogee Pontulo Governour of Ponemelee, and the Sevll places of this port, haveing according to his engagement to the Governour, procured a Cowle from the Seerlascar of this Countrey, for our Farming of St Thoma and the severall adjacent Townes, as far as St Thoma Mount belonging thereunto, at the usuall rates of 3800 Pags ₱ annum the same as the Portegueze doe now pay with our promised Piscash of 1000 Pags to the Seerlascar for his grant of the same, who upon Payment thereof engages by his said Governour Apogee Pontulo to remove the Portegueze and settle whom wee shall appoint in that Government, but in consideration that we are advised, that the Porteguez have obteined from ye Mogull a Phyrmaund for the renting of St Thoma and its adjacencyes, tis probable they will maintain their Rights thereof, and that the removall of this Seerlascar the next may restore them to the Government, however the Consideration of the Rt Honble Compas order about the Renting of St Thoma &ca and the great benefitts their present Removall & disappointmt may be to the Revenues & strengthning of this place. Tis agreed yt if Apogee Pontulo will [en] gage to [give] us security that the Governmt be continued to u [s] according to the Seerlascar's Cowl now brought That 1000 Pags be paid him according to our former Agreement.

'Tis agreed yt 1000 Pags piscash be paid Apogee Pontulo if he will engage ye Govermt to be continued to us.

Du[c]h Commissary Genll. as arrived at Pullicat. thought requisite to send 3 of ye Counoill, to congratulate his arrivall there.

Being advis'd from Pullicatt of the Arrivall of the Heer Van Readen, Commissary Gennerall for the Dutch East India Company, with an unlimitted Power for the Settlement of their Affaires in these Parts, and being also in place equall to the Generall of Batavia & his orders now preferrable to ym, and it being accustomary upon all Alteration of Governours either here or Pullicatt to send two of Councill to wellcome and congratulate them to ye Place to preserve a fair and freindly correspondence with them, But this Person being in an Extraordinary Employ and authority, 'tis thought requisite and accordingly order'd that three of our Councill be sent wth a letter from ye Governour to compliment him at Pullicatt Viz Mr Nathaniel Higginson, Mr Robert ffreeman, & Mr Thomas Wavell and that they prepare themselves for the Journey and goe as soon as we receive an answer of the Governours Letter to the Commissary, abt his recommending Capt Bromwell and his Ship to ye kind Assistance of the Cheif &ca at Trincomala.

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The Judge and Justices of the Admiralty are according to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} order, advised to Examine and determine the buisiness of Mr Sam^{ll} Barron &c^{a} their misdeameanours & breach of orders in their Voyage to China on Ship Shrewsberry, & that ye Accompt: doe give the Attorney Gen^{ll} some Instructions therein.

The Judge & Justices advised to examine ye buisiness of Mr Barron.

Butt Mr Henry Mose Attorney Gen^{ll} being a party concern'd therein, tis orderd that Mr Gabriel Roberts be appointed to mannage this charge in the Court of Admiralty against the said Persons for the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a}.

Capt Joseph Haddock declareing to the Councill y^{t} the Lead aboard his ship was intended & agreed to by the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} to be for Kentellage for the said Ship till her returne for England, for wch the Owners to allow ye R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} 40^{s}, ₱ Tonn, for the use thereof; and in consideration of s^{d} agreem^{t} that ye Owners had loaden noe other Kentellage, wch otherwise they would have provided Iron Kentellage, but we haveing noe notice of this contract from ye R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} & it being Invoiced to us; 'twas order'd to be taken ashoar with ye Rest of the goods, & a great part thereof unladen, But it now growing late for our buisiness at Viziagapatam & Bengall & ye Capt declareing that it will cost at least 4: dayes to unlade ye Remaining Lead, & reballast his Ship wth sand, 'Tis agreed & order'd that ye said lead be continued aboard Ship Princess & consign'd to ye Agent &c^{a} in Bengall to be disposed of there, if they have an oppertunity, otherwise to be return'd hither w^{n} if there shall be occasion it shall be unladen, otherwise continued aboard according to agreem^{t} we haveing great quantities thereof by us, and a slow vend for it here.

Capt Haddocks declaration concerning ye Lead remaining [abd] for Kentellage.

Order'd yt the lead be continued aboard for Bengall. Having a slow Vend for it here.

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W^{M} CAWLEY.

WILLIAM PROBY, Sec^{ry}.

A Pass given to Nosa Seniora Bon Viagio. 16.

Pass giveen.

Deliver'd Capt Joseph Haddock his dispatch for Viziagapatam and Bengall 18.
and also the Packett to the Agent & Councill in the Bay.

Capt Haddocks dispatch.

Deliverd Mr John Stables his &c^{a} Councills of Viziagapatam's Commission and In[s]tructions.

This day arrived a Ship in St Thoma Road from Timore wth two English Passengers on her, who brought the News of Mr Feilds and Severall other's deaths on the West Coast, as also of Mr Fathergills, Supra Cargo of Ship Herbert at Batavia who was by the Instigation of the Dutch to the Banjarans as 'tis supposed, seized on and sent thither and all the concern he had wth Him at, Jambee, which was very considerable reporting to have in Readiness there, Two Ships loading of Pepper, was taken from Him and that Ship Herbert had saild for England wth ninety men, and a small Cargo, also the Loss of two tradeing Ships belonging to this Port Viz^{t} the Katherine and great Providence wth considerable Cargoes on them.

Sad news from ye West Coast.

Rec^{d} a Letter from the Dutch Comissary Gen^{ll} at Pollicatt. 19.

[19TH]

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 19TH

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH : HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON CAPT JOSEPH HADDOCK
MR ROBT FREEMAN MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR WILLM FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY.

Capt Bromwell requesting 2000 $ according to Chartr ℘y.

Order'd yt 2000 $ be paid him.

Capt John Bromwell requesting 2,000 $ according to Agreemt Charter Party for the Fitting of his Ship urgeing that wth out it he could not proceed with that designe, the reasonableness and necessity whereof being taken into Consideration as also that much demorage is due to yt Ship. Tis agreed and order'd that 2,000 $ be paid him according to his Charter Party Agreemt and yt the Warehousekeeper doe take his receipt for the same.

Order'd yt 100 Pa: be paid Mr Stables &ca. for disbursmts.

Mr John Stables Cheif &ca of Viziagapatam desireing a supply of money for the charges of their Voyage on the Rt Honble Compas Acct for Servants Wages, Batty &ca ' Tis agreed and order'd that Pags 100 be advanc'd to them, & take his receipt for the same, and that they give us Credt for it, and enter a particular acct of its expence in ye Books.

Recd a letter from ye Dutch Comissary at Policat.

Order'd yt Mr Higginson &ca doe goe to Pollicat on Munday Night.

The Heer Van Reede Dutch Comissary Generall being arriv'd at Pollicatt this day return'd an Answer to the Presidents Letter encloseing also a Letter of Recommendation to the Cheif of Trincomala, according to our desire for the assisting Capt Bromwell in the repair of his ship ordering them to supply him with what men & necessaryes that occasion requires.there, in returne of wch civillity Tis order'd Mr Nath : Higginson, Mr Robt Freeman, Mr Thomas Wavell, doe prepare to goe hence to Pollicatt on Munday Night to pay him a Visitt & congratulate his Arrivall there, wth offers of our Respect & service as order'd in last Consultation.

A Generall to Conimere.

A Generall to Conimere wth Rules and orders sent them about their present Circumstances and troubles as also a summons and Pardon to the English seamen wch runne from the Private Ship at Trimlevas & entertain'd themselves in the Mores service at Wandivas, from which they cannot be ℘swaded to disengage themselves wthout assurance of our pardon for past faults, which agreed & order'd to be sent them as follows this Consultation.

Land Customr accts read.

Mr Nath : Higginson late Land Customr deliverd his accts of the Land Custm for the month of May wch was read and past ye Contts as folls Vizt :

Land Customes	... ...	P.	43	20	12
Chowltry Customes	... ...	„	190	09	04
Measurer [s] duty	... ...	„	144	09	4
Banksall Toll	... ...	„	2	05	37
Boteca rents	... ...	„	48	25	22
Register of Slaves	... ...	„	—	32	—
		Pags	430	06	00

Capt Haddocks objections why he could not spare ye Supernumerarys he brought with him.

Capt Joseph Haddock was discours't about ye Supernumerary men he shipt in England for the Rt Honble Compas Acct to be deliverd here, an acct of whom being desired the Capt declared many of them were dead and Run away in the Voyage, and that by reason of the great mortality among his Ships company, since his comeing from Johanna, he could not well spare those remayning Supernumeraryes abd from the service of his Ship, therefore desired their continuance aboard, whereupon the Capt was answer'd that we were also in want of Englishmen in the Garrison, by reason of ye great Loss of the Soldiers upon his Ship, and that if he could not deliver them to us, he must not expect the Rt Honble Compa should be at

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any charge for their Passage out of England since his Ship only had the benefitt and service of them, & none being deliver'd here, Tis Order'd y[t] y[e] R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] be advised thereof accordingly. Orderd y[t] ye Rt Honble Compa be advised there of.

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W[M] CAWLEY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec[ry].

To all Persons, to whom These Pres[ts] may concerne.

That whereas Severall English Seamen, Subjects to his Majesty The King of England, lately arrived upon this Coast upon a Private Ship, from which they Voluntarily discharged themselves and deserted y[m] from their dislike to the ill designes that ship and crew had practiz'd and intended to prosecute. But the said English seamen being conscious of their former misdeameanours, & doubtfull that Justice would question them and punish their Offences: they listed themselves in the Mogulls service, to avoyd the same, w[ch] being expressly contrary to His Maj[ty] the King of England's Proclamation & his R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] possitive orders, w[ch] strictly forbids the same. These are therefore to Require and Command you and every of you Subjects of the King of England, & now in the Limitts of his Charter to His R[t] Hon[ble] East India Comp[a] to quit & Relinquish that and all other services & employm[ts] of Indian Princes or any other service but y[t] of the s[d] R[t] Hon[ble] English East India Comp[a] upon penalty of the Lawes upon your disobedience & contempt, in that case. And to encourage your ready complyance herewith Wee the Governour & Councill of Fort S[t] George & Citty of Madras for Acc[t] of R[t] Hon[ble] English East India Comp[a] doe hereby for ourselves & Successors firmly & faithfully promise & engage a full and free Pardon to you, John Oliver, Tho: Craford, Benjamin Spenceake, Will[m] Clements, John Thacker, Robert Searles, Henry Smith, Charles Martin, Richard Horne, Thomas Lane, William Jo[h]nson, W[m] Battrick, Rob[t] Barret, Jacob Andrews, Joyes &c[a] for your past misdeameanours & offences within our Limits and power, and that neither our Lawes nor Justice shall call you to an Acc[t] for anything acted aboard that Shipp, you lately belonged to and left at Trimlewas, and that upon your Arrivall here you shall be immediately entertained in the Right Hon[ble] English East India Companyes Service according to your Severall Capacityes and Abillityes and receive the same Pay and Wages as is allowed to other English in that Employment each of You shall serve in and also give you such due encouragements as your dilligent Behaviour shall deserve. Dated in ffort S[t] George in the Citty of Madrass, This Twentyeth day of July Anno: 1688. A summons to some English at Trimlivas.

ELIHU YALE, Govern[r].
NATH. HIGGINSON.
JOHN BIGGS. Judge advoc[t].
JOHN LITTLETON.
JOSEPH HADDOCK.
ROB[R] FFREEMAN
THOMAS WAVELL.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILL[M] CAWLEY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec[ry].

A Generall from Conimere dated y[e] 16th Instant, wth an Enclos'd Cuddolore Merch[ts] Acc[t] Curr[t], adviseing of Grimmogee Pontulo's threatnings to them if not complyd with his Avaritious temper of Pag[s] 500: Piscash and Tasherift besides, and also ℘mitts the Mogull's ffagg to be hoisted, and greatly obstructs their Investments there. Genll from Conimere. Grimmoge Pontulo would [...] Pa: 500 for a piscash &[a].

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21 Ship Princess set saile. Ship Timore Arrived.

Ship Princess of Denmark sett saile this morning for Viziagapatam and Bengall, wth Mr Stables &c^a^ of the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ Servants on her.

Ship Timor came this afternoon into this Road from St Toma.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 23.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON S^R^ JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON M^R^ ROB^T^ FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY

The Land Custr accts read.

The Land Customer Mr Wm Cawley, His Acc^ts^ of the Land Customes was read and past in Councill, for the month of June: the Severall heads am^ts^ Viz^t^.

Land Customes	P	84 : 10 : 75
Weighers duty	„	2 : 11 : 23
Chowltry Customes	„	122 : 22 : 31
Measurers duty	„	131 : 30 : 08
Banksoll Toll	„	2 : 07 : 25
	P :	343 : 09 : 98
charges Deducted.		8 : 5 : 16
	Pag^s^	335 : 4 : 82

Sea Customrs Acott read.

Mr Thomas Wavell, his Acc^tt^ of the Sea Customes for the month of June, was read and past in Councill, the Sev^ll^ Heads am^ts^ to Viz^t^.

The Custome of Goods am^t^	P	1399 : 15 : 33
Ditto for Slaves	P	239 : 00 : 00
Ditto for Tonnage	P	67 : 09 : 00
Ditto for Anchorage	P	20 : 18 : 00
for Weighing	P	9 : 17 : 08
Warehouse	P	— : 6 : 28
	Pag^s^	1735 : 29 : 69

Presidt lettr to ye Dutch Comissary.

The Presidents Letter to the Lord Henricque Van[Ree]de Comissary Generall at Pallicat, was read and past & deliverd to Mr Nath. Higginson &c^a^ for their Journey thither y^s^ Evening.

Orderd yt some convenient places be hyred for goods.

The Honble Comp^as^ Goedownes, being at present all filled wth their goods and grain, and the Storekeep^r^ wanting Conveniency's for severall stores &c^a^, 'Tis orderd he hyre some Convenient places at the easyest Rent procurable.

P 1000 be pd Mr freeman.

Orderd that Pag^s^ 1000 : be paid Mr Robt ffreeman, Paymast^r^ Generall for use of the Garrison.

The Storekeepr & Stewards accts methodized by the Presidt.

The Storekeep^rs^ and Stewards Acc^ts^ not haveing been so Regularly methodiz'd and kept as to know the true Remains upon any Suddain Occasion by change of Employments & places as also the exact Expence of the Severall Stores & necessaryes in their charge, The President therefore formed their Sev^ll^ Books into Leidger Acc^ts^ with Columes therein for every indiveduall thing under Severall Heads; which if kept up dilligently, may at any time in 2 : or 3 : dayes, may be ballanc'd & a true Acc^t^ of Remains deliver'd to Him that Succeed in the place, the Want whereof has lately occasion'd some trouble & mistakes, in the changeing of places; The same Method off Acc^ts^ were perused and approv'd by the Councill and are order'd to be observ'd for the future.

Orderd to be followed.

The President represented to the Councill the great advantage it would be to the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ & the Own^rs^ of Ship Rochester, that after her fitting at Trincomala to proceed directly for Bencolen on the West Coast to be Loaden & dispatch't thence with Pepper for England, and not to returne from Trincomala

hither, whereby she will loose near three months time, since the Monsoon will not ℘mitt her comeing hither, till Decembr or January and then we have noe other way for her despose but the West Coast, wch will also be an unseasonable time for it, whereas the Winds will be fair for her sayling in October or Novembr from Trincomala thither, by which time she may be repaired and fitted, and also avoyd the danger of the November Storme, but Capt Bromwell being aboard we could resolve nothing therein the Result therefore is deferred till next Consultation.

This night, about 9 a clock Mr Nath. Higginson &ca sett out for Pollicatt, with the Presidts letter to the Dutch Commissary.

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WILLIAM PROBY SECry. Wm CAWLEY.

Recd a Generall from Conimere dated the 21th Instant, wth an Acct Currt and Acct Stock of last years Books. 24.

Mr Nathll Higginson &ca returned from Pollicatt this morning, and brought with them the Coppy of the Articles between the Mogull and Generall Child at Surratt, from the Dutch Commisary, and also adviseing of their Noble and kind entertainmt there. 25.

Mr Higginson &ca return'd from Pollicatt.

In a Letter from Monsr Guetty, adviseing the death of the old King of Golcanda, who was killed by the Mogulls people there, through suspition, (that when they were beseig'd by the Savagee, and fearing their conquest over them,) they might restore the Kingdome to Him againe, upon which they beheaded him.

Advice from Golcanda of the death of ye old king.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR. THURSDAY 26.
MR NATH. HIGGINSON SR
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR
MR WILLM CAWLEY.
The whole Councill being duly Summon'd
SR JOHN BIGGS & MR WM FRASER. *Sick.*

According to order of our last Consultation, Capt John Bromwell was sent for, and discourst about his goeing from Trincomala to the West Coast representing the great conveniencyes that would be to the Rt Honble Compa and his Owners, of which he was also acquainted by the governour some dayes past, that he might have time to consider duely thereof and his answer being required he gave it possitively notwithstanding all our arguments & ℘swasions that hee could not goe directly from thence to the West Coast, but must returne hither to recruite the Ship with men & necessary[s] which cannot be done at Trincomala, whereupon the Governr deliver'd him the Dutch Commissary and his Lettrs to the Cheife of Trincomala O'rdering and Requesting his assistance to him in the fitting his Ship.

Capt Bromwell discours't abt going to ye West Coast.

from Trincomala he could not, his reasons for ye same.

The Rt Honble Compa in their Lettr of the 6th June 87 : overland haveing possitively order'd & commanded us to loose noe more time in the receipt of the ground quitt rents of this Citty and Town of Madrass, which haveing bin deferred for some time in Consideration of our danger and troubles as also the famine wch made it very unsuitable and unseasonable to raise a Tax so Considerable and unusuall, amongst the Porteguez and Natives as that is, but the Country Governmt being now bettr settled, and the Inhabitants somewhat recruited from their late necessityes, It is therefore now Order'd that we doe proceed on the

The Rt Honble Compa orders for ye receiving of ye Quitt rents.

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[26TH.]

Orders to proceed on ye Collection thereof.

Collection thereof, with the two last years arrears to the 29th September next, and that an order be publish't that whosoever, Inhabitant shall refuse the ready paym^{t} thereof, that y^{e} quitt rent shall be advanc't $\frac{1}{4}$ part upon each such houses whose Own^{rs} deny payment, or to destraine on y^{e} Tennant & Mr Thomas Wavell being appointed Register & Renter Gen^{ll} of the Citty of Revenues. Tis order'd that he have y^{e} superintendency thereof, but the buisiness of the Sea Custome, being soe considerable, that he cannot give his attendance to both. Tis order'd that Mr John Pitt and Zouch Troughton doe take care and receive the Citty and Town Revenues, which they are to give acc^{t} to Mr Thomas Wavell, and take his advice therein and whereas the Severall Branches of the Rents & Revenues haveing been formerly joyn'd to Severall employments of the Councill, which has occasioned some Neglects & Inconveniency to prevent wch tis therefore Order'd, that the abovesaid Persons shall have the sole charge of receiveing the Revenues Viz^{t}:

Mr Pitt & Mr Troughton appointed in yt Station.

The ℘ticulars.

House Ground Rents.	Godown Rents.
Gaurden Rents.	Boteca Rents.
Paddy ffeild Rents.	Street Rents.
Licences for Retailing Wine.	Rack licences.

of all which the President haveing given a Method for each Head and Acc^{t}, and also Rent Rolls of the Garrison, Citty and Town. 'Tis order'd that it be kept & observed accordingly and that Mr Empton doe officiate the Stewards place in Mr Troughtons room.

Mr Empton appointed steward.

The Compa Merchts have agreed and setled their accts.

The R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Merch^{ts} after 5 years dispute and difference among themselves have at last agreed and settled their Acc^{ts} & this day delivering it to the Councill where it appears, the great discouragem^{t} of their trade and stock has bin from the great debts due to them as well from severall concerned therein as others to the amount of P: 24415: 10: 1: and the said stock oweing to Severall Merch^{ts} to the am^{t} of P: 6193: 20: 4 who have bin very pressing and importunate with us to recover their debts, and the debters to their stock, haveing signed to the Bal̄ of their severall Acc^{ts} and debts as ℘ a list given in, Tis thought Just and convenient, & order that the Justices do Assist and press the Payment thereof, and the whole Acc^{t} be cleared as soon as possible, that we may proceed currantly and safely upon an Investment. It is also order'd that before they proceed any further to make good their debt to the R^{t} Honble Company first and that the severall Debters, to the Stock to bring in their severall debts within three dayes to Mr John Littleton, Warehousekeeper, and that soe soon as he hath received it, he doe therewith pay off the Stock's debts to the Severall Credit^{rs} wch was also approoved and agreed to by all the Merchants to prevent further disputes.

Their debt to ye Rt Honble Compa to be first paid.

Pay mastrs Accts.

Mr Robert Freeman Paymaster Generall read his Book of Acc^{ts} for the month of June which was past in Councill as followeth:

Charges Garrison	P	979:	14:	$\frac{3}{8}$
Charges Generall	„	493:	32:	$\frac{1}{16}$
Charges Dyett	„	249:	7:	—
Charges Extraordinary	„	22:	25:	—
Charges Cattle	„	28:	32:	$\frac{13}{16}$
Charges Merchandize	„	96:	26:	$\frac{1}{2}$
Fortification and Repaires...	„	189:	19:	$\frac{7}{16}$
Bay of Bengall Expedition	„	125:	22:	$\frac{1}{2}$
Tanassary expedition	„	—:	25:	—
	Pags.	2186:	24:	$\frac{11}{16}$

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
Appro^{d} J. BIGGS.
R. FFREEMAN.
THO: WAVELL.
Ap^{d} WILL: FRASER.
W^{M} GAWLEY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1688—— [27TH]

Pass given to boat Tagaray belonging to Ollacca Chittee &c[a] M[r] Nath : Higginson M[r] Rob[t] Freeman and M[r] Thom[s] Wavell &c[a] arriveing from Pollicat the 25th Instant, did this day give the following relation of their Journey to and entertainment at Pollicat by the Commissary Generall &c[a]. 27. Pass given to boat Tagaray.

That on Tuesday the 24th Instant about 7 of the clock in the morning arriveing at a gaurden neer Pollicat, they sent the Commissary Generall word that they were comeing to wait on him on which he desired their longer stay there, that he might send some of his people to conduct them to town, and about 10 came six of the Councill &c[a] also many attendants with them to meet them there and after a Wellcome salute were conducted to the fort gate where they were received by the Vice Comissary and thence thro: a gaurd of Souldiers past to the stairs foot, where they were rec[d] by the late Govern[r] Pitt and so conveyd up to the Commissary who kindly rec[d] them and after the delivery of the Presidents Letter welcom'd them with 21 guns some time after went to dinner & were handsomely treated, and as twas alwayes accustomary began the King of Englands health with 21 guns, and then the Parliam[t] the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] and the Presidents and about 9 they parted, with the same salute of guns as they had when they came in, and dureing the whole time Courteously treated and entertaind, The Commissary Generall often expressing his kind resentm[ts] of our Vissit and respects promiseing suddainly to return it, assureing M[r] Higginson &c[a] of his readiness to serve the Hon[ble] Comp[as] Interest in all places he had an oppertunity for it. The manner of their entertainmt at Pollicat.

This Morning about 7 aclock, the Heer Commandore Johannes Bacherus Successor to the Commissary Generall sent the President word by the Cheif Dubash that he was come to the gaurden to acknowledge and repay his late Vissit and civillity to the Commissary Gen[ll] upon which the President appointed S[r] John Biggs M[r] John Littleton M[r] R: ffreeman M[r] Thom[s] Wavell with a handsome Retinue to meet & bring them into the Citty and Fort where M[r] Higginson met them at the gate so led them upstairs to the President who rec[d] them at the staire head, when after the delivery of the Dutch Commissary Gen[lls] Letter and his message being returns of thanks, for the late Vissit at Pollicatt, they were kindly wellcomed with 21: Gunns, and after sometime and discourse of the Commissary his proceedings and other publick Affaires went up to a handsome dinner in the Consultation roome, where the usuall healths; to equall their Entertainm[t] were began to the Prince of Orange wth 21 Guns, the States Generall Dutch East India Company and the Comissary's and after dinner about 3 aclock the President & more to oblige and divert them, carry'd them by boat to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] new garden where they were also handsomely entertained when after supper about 10: the Presid[t] deliverd him his Lett[r] of thanks to the Commissary Generall and acknowledgeing the Hon[r] and Kindness he was pleased to doe him wth thanks also to their severall troubles of the Journey, excuseing the slenderness of their Entertainment, which they acknowledg'd to be very generous and kind, appearing greatly satisfyed thereat, requesting leave to returne to the place from whence they came They parted with kind salutes accompanyed to the gaurden by M[r] Littleton M[r] Wavell M[r] Roberts &c[a]. 28. The dutch repaid our Vissit.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 30.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M[R] NATH HIGGINSON S[R] JOHN BIGGS
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON M[R] ROBERT FREEMAN
M[R] THOMAS WAVELL M[R] WILL[M] FRASER
M[R] WILL[M] CAWLEY.

M[r] John Littleton, Warehousekeeper read his Acc[ts] for the month of June which was past in Councill. The Warehousekeeper Acts.

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The Land Custom's Accts.

The Land Customer Mr Willm Fraser read his Acc^{ts} for the month of Aprill, which was Past in Councill, Viz^{t}.

Land Customes	P	14	11	27
Weighers duty	,,	00	20	83
Chowltry Customes	,,	185	10	39
Measurers duty	,,	103	21	34
Banksoll Toll	,,	2	6	61
Registring of Slaves	,,	—	8	—
Licence money for the year 88: commencing Nov^{br} 87.	,,	162	35	00
Fines assessed by the Justices	,,	38	00	00
Pag^{s}		503	16	50
Wages &c^{a} deduct		8	19	00
Pag^{s}		494	33	50

An order for ye Quit rents

Orderd to be proclaimed.

In Pursuance of our last Consultation, the President drew up an Order to the Inhabitants for their paying the Quitt Rents for two years past which was read and approved and order'd to be proclaimed and affix't, in English Porteguez Moore, and Gentue upon the Cheif gates of the Citty.

List of Actions enter'd. 100.

The Register delivers a List in of Actions enter'd in ye Court of Admiralty since Monday last wch was read in Councill.

Peons to be disbanded.

The Countrey Government being now indifferently quiett & well settled near us and their being no apparent danger of the Moores or Morattaes. Tis order'd that one Company of Peons Consisting of 100 be disbanded, to ease the charge of the Garrison.

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THE ORDER FOR THE PAYING OF THE QUITT RENTS.

The order.

To all the Inhabitants of the Citty & Surburbs of Madras both Christians, Moors, Gentues & Mallabars, that dwell and Live under the Protection & benefitt of the English Government.

That Whereas the R^{t} Honble East India Company Lords & Proprietors of this their Garrison and Citty have been at very long and great charge in purchaseing raiseing building repaireing defending and maintaining the same with little or noe assistance from the Inhabitants, nor any other revenue near proportionable to the Vast expence they have been & are constantly at, in Secureing their Lives Libertyes and Estates from the dangers troubles and Exactions that are too common in other Governments, in Consideration whereof and the undenyable reason Justice and Custome that all Persons who pertake such great benefitts and safety should readily contribute to the charge thereof, more especially since they have lately been graciously pleased to release a great part of the usuall Customes of the place for the encouragement of Trade & ye poor, The said R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} have therefore order'd & appointed us and all their Inhabitants to pay a reasonable yearly Quitt rent for the ground of their houses towards the better fortifying and accomodation of the Towne, and this Law being made by the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} some years past, but ye execution thereof forbourn and deferred till now in Compassion and Consideration of the late famine and troubles in the Countrey which now by God's mercy & blessing being indifferently well recover'd towards a Plenty, We the Govern^{r} and Councill doe therefore hereby order and appoynt Mr Jno Pitt & Mr Zouch Troughton to be collectors of the s^{d} quit rents and to receive the same from each house, Godowne, Garden or Lands within this Government only for 2 years past to the 29th Septem^{br} 88 according to a Rent Rowl signed and

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deliver'd by us to them, and to destrain for the same upon such as shall contemptuously refuse the payment of so just and small a Contrabution for the good & conveniency of the Town and Inhabitants, Dated from Fort St George in the Citty of Madrass, this Thyrtieth day of July Anno 1688.

ELIHU YALE.
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
ROB^T^ FREEMAN.
THOM^S^ WAVELL.
WILL^M^ FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.

A Pass given to Boat Vencatarownudo. 31.

The Order for the paying the Quitt rents was proclaimed this morning at the Sea Gate.

Pass given. The Order proclaimed.

Bengall Merch^t^ Capt Wm Pearse Command^r^ arrived from the Sout[h]ward, & brought a Gen^ll^ from Conimere dated yesterday, approved and sent y^s^ day, adviseing them to write to Mr Ingram at Portonovo to make an Agreement wth Capt Edward English there for the Ladeing the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ Bale goods on his Ship since the Bengall Merchant was so full wth Paddy from Trincombar that he could not take in more then 12: Bales, and also the great want of them to make up the s^d^ Bengall Merch^ts^ Loading for England.

℘ mo. August Bengall arrived 2. Genll to Conimere.

Pass given to Ship Triblicane belonging to Maucadum Nina bound for Atchein.

Pass given.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

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MR JOHN LITTLETON M^R^ ROB^T^ FREEMAN
MR THOM^S^ WAVELL MR WILL^M^ FRASER
MR WILL^M^ CAWLEY.

THURSDAY 2.

The President read his Cash Book for the month of July, which was approv'd, & the Ballance examin'd being Pagodas, ... P 66355 : 09 : 5.

The President Cash Book read.

He also gave in a Rent Rowl of the Houses Goedownes &c^a^. within the Garrison or Christian Town with their sev^ll^ Quitt rents which was examined, approv'd and signed, & order'd to be collected accordingly, (as enterd next after this Consultation).

Rent Rowle.

The Bengall Merch^t^ arriving Yesterday from ye S^o^ward Laden wth Paddy and those Factory's goods, the Warehousekeep^r^ is order'd to unlade her with all possible speed, in order to her dispatch this month for England, also ye Paymaster is order'd to fitt up the Masulæs and borrow as many more as he can, to hasten her Ladeing and the dispatch of the expected Europe Shipping for Bengall it growing late for that Voyage.

Warehouskeepr orderd to unlade ye Bengall.

Mr Daniel Gyfford his acc^ts^ of his ℘ticul^r^ expences in his Voyage on the Phaulkon from Surrat to Syam, in Syam and thence hither were examin'd and debated on & he was call'd to answer severall objections, wch for his better Consideration and our satisfaction he was order'd to give in writeing next Consultation.

Mr Gyffords accts examined.

Upon the Settlem^t^ of our Sea Customes, twas agreed & order'd to allow 10 ℘ C^t^ on ye Invoices of all Liquors for Leakage, breakage &c^a^ damage, if they carry'd away the Chests &c^a^ without opening; but if the proprietors rather chuse to open & examine their liquors at the Custome house, then they were to pay full Custome upon all y^t^ was Merchandable & no more wch few gave y^m^ selves the trouble of, since ye damage commonly came under 10 ℘ C^t^ But

Orders to ye Custom-house.

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great loss happning this year on liquors by the Princess, so y^t many chests had not a full bottle in them, but ye Chests being carry'd to their own houses & there opene'd by themselves, the Customer could not excuse ye Customs thereof since twas in their own Choice to have examined y^m at the Custome house & then paid for noe more y^n appear'd Merchandable, But the R^t Honble Comp^a Customes Warehous being filled with Bale goods and at other times commonly employed with Stores or grain; it is now therefore agreed y^t all Persons have liberty to carry their Liquors to their own godowns and to pay Custome for no more then shall duly appear to be full and sound provided they deliver the keys of their goedowns to the Custom^r and y^t the Chests be opened & examined before the Officers of the Custome house.

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Rent Rowle. Rent Rowle of Dwelling Houses Goedowns &c^a wch in the Garrison or Christian Town, wth the names of their Severall Owners Tennants and Yearly Rents.

MIDDLE STREET.

Owner.	Tenent.		P.	fa.
The Honble President Yales house	...	Pag	3 :	—
Capt^t James Betts: house	...	„	1 :	18
Marthad Consason	Wm Dixon.	„	— :	27
Paul Cardozo	...	„	— :	27
Padre Ephraim's	...	„	— :	18
Martin Lope's	...	„	1 :	—
Mr Jno Afflack	...	„	2 :	—
Richd Monk	Jno Strangway	„	1 :	—
Widdow Heathfeild	...	„	2 :	—
Mr Peter Large	...	„	1 :	18
Mrs Ursula Oneal	...	„	1 :	—
Mr Afflack	Mrs Ursula On	„	1 :	18
Mr Afflack	Mr Troughton	„	1 :	—
		Pag^s	17 :	28

CHOWLTRY STREET.

Owner	Tenent		P.	fa.
Richard Monk's house	...	P	2 :	—
Jno Coventry	...	„	1 :	18
Cosmo Lorenso	...	„	1 :	18
Emmanuel Morley	Widdow Haddok	„	1 :	18
Emmanuel Morley	...	„	— :	27
Padre Theodosia	...	„	— :	27
Mr Jno Nicks	Sr Jno Biggs	„	2 :	—
...	Jno Hill	„	2 :	—
Thom^s Greenhill	...	„	1 :	18
John Parera	...	„	1 :	—
		Pag^s	14 :	18

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CHOWLTRY ALLEY.

Owner.	Tenent.	P.	fa.
Joan Lopus	...	P 1	—
Ditto	...Ana : dandrada	„ 1	—
Nath : Bonus	...Gab : Roberts	„ 1	18
Ditto	...Jnº Voter	„ —	27
Ditto	...	„ —	18
Charles Metcalf	...	„ 2	—
Jnº Callender	...	„ 1	—
	Pag^s	8	18

GLOCHESTER STREET.

Panchecu Viera	...Mrs Feild	P —	27
Mr Heny Alford	...	„ 2	—
Arthur Filbury	...	„ —	27
Madam Pavia	...Mr Alford	„ 1	—
	Pag^s	4	18

YORK STREET.

Mr Miller	...Panchecu Viera	P —	27
Panchecu Veira	...Padre Lopus	„ —	27
Ditto	...Andre Garmast	„ 1	—
Ditto	...Frans Fessera	„ —	18
Ditto	...Marmad Coñsas	„ —	18
Jnº Inch	...	„ 1	—
Renou Perera	...	„ —	27
Tilman Holt	...	„ 1	—
John de Soza	...	„ —	27
Domingoes Mendes	...	„ 1	—
Mr Mead	...Jnº Meverell	„ —	27
Mr Mead	...	„ 1	18
Monsr Chardin	...	„ 2	—
Martha de Consason	...	„ —	18
	Pag^s	12	27

YORK LANE.

Willm Dixon	...Mr Glover	P 2	—
Domingo Joan	...	„ —	18
Emmanuell Rosaira	...	„ —	27
Mary Ware ...	...	„ —	18
Emmanuell Rosaira...	...	„ —	18
Mr Miller	...[Amu] Dunkly	„ —	27
Jane Taylor	...	„ —	27
Widdow Ryley	...	„ —	27
Mr Freeman's godown	...	„ 1	—
	Pag^s	7	18

CHARLES STREET.

Mr Willm Jearsey ...	...	P 2	18
Mr Jearsey's severall godowns	...	„ 1	—
Mr Bridger ...	...	„ 1	18
Mr Bridger ...	.. Mr Mose	„ 1	18
Mr Bridger ...	...Mr Constable	„ 1	18
Mr Jnº Davis	...Mr Styleman	„ 1	18
Mr Bridger's goedown	...	„ —	18
Mr Bridger	...	„ —	18
Mr Bridger ...	...Mr Parkers Childn...	„ —	18
Robert Bulfeild a Goedown	...	„ —	18
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James Street.

Owner.	Tenent.		P.	fa.
Gimar Peniera	...	P	—	18
Joseph Perera	...	„	—	18
Mr Gray Smith godown	...	„	—	18
Robt Ray Mr	Mr Pitt	„	1	18
Robt Ray	...	„	—	27
Pois	...	„	1	—
Alexander Wodall	...	„	—	18
Mr Briger's godown	Prd Gyfford	„	—	18
Phillippa	...	„	—	18
Thatcher	...	„	—	18
Black Franck	Padre Bastrasi	„	—	18
Robert Bulfeild	...	„	—	27
Maria deSuce	...	„	—	18
Compa Merchants Godowns	...	„	3	—
Nicholas Westborough	...	„	—	18
Pois new Hospitall	...	„	—	27
Pois	...	„	—	18
Forrow	...	„	—	18
Padre lorence Parera	...	„	—	18
Sicillia Mendes	...	„	—	18
Maria Mœdera	...	„	—	18
		Pags	15	9

James Alley.

Owner.	Tenent.		P.	fa.
Antony Caldera	...	P	—	18
Thomas de clara	...	„	—	18
Luis de Cuni	...	„	—	18
Antonio rosada	...	„	—	18
Alexander Woodall	Jno Moor	„	—	18
Bastian Severa	...	„	—	18
Assesareposa	...	„	—	18
Theodorus Gregory	...	„	—	27
Jno Parera ..	...	„	—	18
Mathias desilva	...	„	—	18
		Pa	5	9

St Thomas Street.

Owner.	Tenent.		P.	fa.
Jno Stevenson	Mr Kiddell	P	1	18
Nichola desilva	...	„	1	—
Tarnantony	...	„	—	27
Mrs Gryffith	Mr Cheney	„	1	18
Senona Alvada	...	„	—	27
Emmanll desilva	JaMeclenen	„	—	27
Ditto	...	„	—	27
President Yale a godown	...	„	1	—
Maria Jebo	...	„	—	18
Pasquall gallone	...	„	—	18
President Yale	...	„	1	—
Emmanuel Navis	...	„	1	—
Robt Ray	...	„	—	27
John Baptista	...	„	1	—
Bernado Medom	Mr Barron	„	1	—
Antonys Qualio	...	„	1	—
Clara Botalia	...	„	—	18
Gaspar de Monte	Mr Betsworth	„	2	—
Mr Gray a Godown	...	„	1	—
Padre Salvadore	Mr Ivory	„	1	—
Joan de Coasta	...	„	1	—
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St Thomas Lane.

Owner.	Tenent.	P.	fa.
Dona Izabella	...	P —	18
Pois	Elizth Poulter	„ —	27
Emmanuel Vass	...	„ —	27
Duarty Figarado	...	„ —	18
		Pags 2	18

Church Street.

Owner.	Tenent.	P.	fa.
Antony Gonsalis	...	P —	27
Dona Phillippa	...	„ —	27
Catherena Passania	...	„ —	27
John Stevenson	...	„ 1	—
Mr Rodrigoes	Mr Burton	„ 1	—
		Pags 4	9

Abstract of Dwelling houses in each Street of the Garrison in the Citty Vizt.

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In Middle Street ꝑ annum	P 17	18
In Chowltry Street	„ 14	18
In Chowltry Alley	„ 8	18
In Gloster Street	„ 4	18
In York Street	„ 12	27
In York Lane	„ 7	18
In Charles Street	„ 11	18
In James Street	„ 15	9
In James Alley	„ 5	9
In St. Thomas Street	„ 20	9
In St. Thomas Lane	„ 2	9
In Church Street	„ 4	9
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Elihu Yale.
Nath. Higginson.
John Biggs.
John Littleton.
Robert freeman.
Thomas Wavell.
Wm Fraser.
Wm Cawley.

2. Two Ships in Sight, to the No ward of this Port supposeing to be from Europe.

> Ships in Sight.

3. The said two Ships came to an Anchor in Trivetore road abt five miles to the No ward of this place, the winds hanging So much Southerly that they could not fetch this road, soe sent their Long boat, wth the Purser, the Capt of the Souldier[s] and a Passenger in her with the box of Particulars & Generalls from the Rt Honble Compa which came ꝑ Ship new Defence Capt Willm Heath Commandr : The ꝑusall of them was defer'd till the next day.

> Arrived at Trivetore. Sent ye box of Lettr ashoar ye ꝑusall deferr'd.

This morning arrived the Shipps, The new Defence Capt Willm Heath Commandr and the James Capt Abraham Roberts, Commandr from Europe into this road, and about nine a clock came Mr Goff, the Purser &ca ashoar from aboard the James, and brought the Rt Honble Compas box of Letters &a and also a Letter of recommendation from the Rt Honble Compa concerning Mr Goff &ca wch after the ꝑusall of it the Presidt promised his best Assistance to him, and about twelve came the Two Capt ashoar, Capt Heath and Capt Roberts and also Mr Thomas Gray one of this Councell, according to the Rt Honble Compas appointment.

> James arrived ys road. James Packt. brought ashr.

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SATURDAY 4TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRA^RY

Present

ELIHU YALE PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBT FREEMAN
MR MR WILLM FRASER
MR WILLM CAWLEY.
THE WHOLE COUNCILL WAS DULY SUMMON'D.
MR THOMAS WAVELL *aboard.*

ye Rt Hon-ble Compas lettrs were read & consider'd on.

The Defence and James arriveing into this road this morning betimes, and the box of Letters sent ashoare, This morne were opened and the Rt Honble Compas Generalls of the Septembr the [*lacuna in the original*] October the 25 Januy and the 6 of Februy were read and discourst on.

And whereas the President concluded it absolutely necessary to keep as secret as possible the Bengall letters and orders sent by the Princess, in Consideration of the great prejudice the devulgeing such a designe might have been to the Rt Honble Compas affairs and possibly have prevented the Mogulls granting his Phyrmaund to the Generall, as also other priveledges we were then treating about at Coart and wth the Goverment here; the news also might have reach't Bengall before the arrivall of the Princess there and soe allarmed the Moors to a greater preparation to defend yos places, we design'd against; for these reasons the Goveñour only imparted those letters and orders to Mr Higginson & Sr John Biggs who jointly and sent those letters to Agent Charnock, ℘ticularly with advice to be as private therein as possible till the arrivall of the defence least they or ye design should suffer by the discovery, but being wholly referr'd to ym we could give no other orders or advice therein, & therefore of noe necessity to acquaint the Councill therewith, But ye buisiness being now to come into debate here, all those said letters, were read but nothing concluded thereon till Capt Heath and Mr Thomas Gray's comeing ashoare, when we shall fully debate and resolve what most necessary & expedient therein, The Governr also enjoyn'd the Councill by the Oaths they had taken to be secret in ys affair, since the devulgeing is, may still be of prejudice to the Rt Honble Compas Affairs, the Mogull haveing his spies here for intelligence & therefore, ought to be ye more cautious of our discourse, which ye Councill faithfully engages.

Ship Defence to be unladen.

The Warehousekeepr Mr Jno Littleton is order'd to employ all the boats for the unladeing the Defence that she may have a suddain dispatch it being late in the season, and this day to take ashoare the Chest of Gold and box of Mace &ca & on Munday half the Cordage and as much of the sea Coals as the time will ℘mitt haveing great occasion for them.

Mr Troughton to dyett ye Souldiers.

The Defence and James haveing brought us a seasonable brave Supply of Souldiers to the number of 140: lusty men haveing by good providence lost but 12: from both Shipps, whereas the Princess had the misfortune to bury near 50, and it being our great duty and care to preserve them well since they are sent with soe much charge and difficulty, but all provisions being still very scarce and dear, none of the publick houses will be ℘swaded to entertain or dyet them, whereupon the President sending for Mr Troughton late Stewd prevail'd with him to undertake the Dyetting all the English Souldiers for three months at 60 fanams ℘ mensem each and to provide them sufficient good Provisions as Beef Mutten Pork fish, Pelow and Rice with a dram and Punch somtimes 2 meals each day, to eat at the new Lodge, dinner to be presisly at 11: a clock, and Supper at Six, at which times the bell is to ring wn they are to appear upon the penalty of Fasting, except they are upon duty on the out gaurds, then their servts are to fetch Victualls, two officers, is also appointed to keep good orders among ym and the Warehousekeeper is order'd to let Mr Troughton have wt rice he has occasion for at 1½ Measr ℘ fañ and Bengall Butter at 6: Pags ℘ Jarr: and wt other provision the Compa can spare at the market price & each pay day the Paymaster is first to

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pay him 60 fañ out of each Souldiers pay notwithstanding any other demands whatever.

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WM CAWLEY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Pass given to Parr: Mallialum belonging to Maucadum N[i]na — 6. Pass given to a boat.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 6.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON CAPT WILLM HEATH
MR ROBT FREEMAN MR THOMS WAVELL
MR WILLM FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY
MR THOMAS GRAY.

Ship James to be unladen & discharg'd.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper Mr Jno Littleton doe unlade the Ship James Capt Abraham Roberts Commandr of the Rt Honble Compas Cordage and to discharge her.

Provision for ye Souldiers to be made.

The Souldiers that came on the New Defence and ye James being very bare of cloths, 'Tis order'd that the Warehouskeepr do deliver out Perpetuanoes sufficient for that purpose, & to buy Gingham and Long cloth to make each Souldier a Coat, one Capp, two pair of breeches and three Shirts for wch they are to pay 15 fañ each ℘ mensem till the Acct be clear'd.

Mr. Ths. Gray to assist ye Sea Customer.

Mr Thoms Gray, one of this Councill, being by the Rt Honble Compa appointed Register of the assurance office, wch buisiness being small at present, Tis order'd yt sometime of diversion from his Voyage he be joyn'd wth Mr Wavell at the Sea Customehouse to inspect and advise in their proceedings there.

The Genll from ye Rt Honble Compa ℘us'd & discours't upon. Touching ye affairs in ye Bengll.

The Councill entering upon the debate of the Bengall buisiness, the Rt Honble Compas severall Letters & orders to us and them were read and after much discourse thereon, wth a due representation of our late great Loss of men in the Last expedition at the Bay the articles they had agreed upon, for a free and quiett settlement and trade there for the future, the Mogulls resolute aversion against Fortifications, a late instance in their pulling downe a great part of the dutch building at Hughly, for makeing the Walls of their godowns thicker then ordinary, the great power and force of those parts, being now by differences better arm'd and prepar'd then ever; The removall of Shasta Cawn and Settlemt of Nabob Cawn Jehan Badlan in yt Nabob ship a great and resolute Souldier but reported just and kind, and formerly a good freind to the English, also our great want of men stores amunition & provisions; and the Generall haveing made a Peace wth the Mogull and taken his Phyrmaund, and as our Vakeel advises from Golcandah, has included this place and Bengall therein and thereupon deliver'd up the many rich prices in their possession These and the Rt Honble Compas possitive orders were recommended to the Councill's serious Considerations, it being a matter of great Importance, was adjourned till next Consultation the Presidt enjoyning all to a profound secrecy therein.

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THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secy.

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7. A Pattamar from Bengll. This Evening arriv'd a Pattamar from Bengall with severall Particular Letters but noe generall adviseing that Agent Charnock &c^a Councill there had sent up Mr Heyrs and Mr Bradhill to the Nabob Cawn Jehan Badhan, at Dacca wth a Piscash to the amount of Rupees 10,000 in Broad cloth &c^a Raryties to treat wth him and agree upon those articles formerly deliverd to Shastacawn, then Nabob, the effecting of which is much doubted, and that Shastacawn upon the Mogulls summons is gone up to ye Court to him.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 9.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON S^R JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON CAP^T WILL^M HEATH
MR ROBERT FREEMAN MR THOM^S WAVELL
MR WILL^M FRASER MR W^M CAWLEY
MR THOM GRAY.

Generall from the Rt Honble Compa ℘ used & debated concerning Bengall.

Returning to our debate upon the Bengall Affair and the R^t Honble Comp^as Scence and orders concerning it, wch first is their ill opinion of, and displeasure against the Conduct of their Agent and Councill in the Bay, in not following and obeying their orders in the takeing Chettegam &c^a which they are still very pressing for, and desirous of, and possitively resolved, to have a fortifyed settlement, in Bengall, by fair means or force, or else to withdraw their servants and trade thence, upon Consideration whereof, and the expressness of their other designes, and orders, relateing to this Affair, as also their good opinion of the abillity and fidelity of Capt Wm Heath reposeing such trust and confidence in his conduct that they choose rather soly to rely on y^t then the irresoluteness of the Bengall Gentlemen, It was therefore according to the R^t Honble Comp^as order proposed to Capt Heath, to goe with his Ship directly to atack Chettigam, and that we would give all possible assistance therein, and would write by a Porteguez Ship now going to Bengall to the Agent and Councill to bring all their Ships, Vessells men &c^a to his assistance; wch Capt Heath did not refuse, but declared that he doubted, 't would be to little purpose, and considering the Dorothy is not yet arrived to accompany her, and all our Country Vessells disposed upon their severall Voyages, the season growing late, nor can we procure sloops or sufficient Pylotts for that designe. 'Tis therefore our Opinion also and agreement that the Defence goes directly for Ballasore, wth two Comp^as of Souldiers consisting of 60 each which is all we can possibly spare, also all the Armes Ammunition stores and Provisions can be afforded being Very bare of all, wanting Swords to aim the Souldiers, now arriv'd by the Defence and James, that upon Capt Heaths arrivall at Ballasore, he immediately proceed to the Agent & Councill at Chuttenutta, takeing all the Command^rs of the English Ships with him, that upon his arrivall he delivers the Agent &c^a the R^t Honble Comp^as and our Orders and a Councill be called consisting of the Agent &c^a and all the Command^rs; where the whole state of the Comp^as affairs and their proceedings is to be duely recounted, and their Condition, fforce; stores of armes ammunition and provision wth all other Necessaryes circumstances duely represented, as also the Constitution of the present Government, their Inclinations and Power, with the strength of Chuttegam & forces therein & access thereto, for the Europe ships; and these severally to be fully discourst and debated in Councill from whence Capt Heath is impowred to draw a conclusion, and make such resolves thereon as he shall Judge requisite for the Honour and Interest of the R^t Honble Comp^a and the good of their affaires, and future trade in Bengall which the Agent & Councill and all Command^rs and officers of Ships Vessells & Souldiers, are duely to obey his orders therein and Aid and assist him in the prosecution thereof, to their power, and if they cannot conquer and maintain Chuttegam or some other fortifyed place in the Bay to secure our people and trade from future Injuries and exactions then to endeavour it by treaty, writeing the Nabob of Dacca, that except he will grant the R^t Honble Comp^a a fortifyed settlement to secure their Estates, and the lives of their servants from Rapine distruction, they

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have order'd you to depart frõ their Countrey and wholly to quitt their trade and to repair our Losses where we can, and if neither of these Courses, proove effectuall for the obteining such a fortifyed settlement as the Rt Honble Compa requires, then Capt Heath is to summon all the Compas servants and other English to repair aboard their ships wth the Rt Honble Compas concernes as well Treasure, Goods, stores Provisions &ca useing ye uttmost endeavours to lade all the Ships, with Goods, Grain, and provisions, consigned to this place and to come directly hither except you can dispatch one or two for England or Persia and one to touch at Vizagapatam to bring up their goods from thence.

And to supply their occasions in the Bay the Warehousekeeper is order'd to continue 10 Chests of Dollars aboard the Defence, half the cordage to supply the Shipping also the Lead and half the sea Coals, and to hasten the unladeing of the remainder of her Cargo. *10 Chests Dollrs order'd to continue aboard for Bengall.*

The Chest wth Maces Sword and Silver Oar were brought ashoare, order'd the delivery of it to Sr John Biggs as also the Charter for him to peruse and Coppy and draw a supplymentall Charter agreable to the circumstances of this place if there be occasion, and to give us an Abstract of ye Laws contein'd therein and to prepare wt necessary for ye settling the Corporation at the time appointed. *The Chest of Maces &ca brought ashoare.* *The charter to be ℘used.*

The President deliver'd a method for the Silver Coyns wch was perused and approved, and Mr Higginson according to the Rt Honble Compas order appointed to gett the stamps cutt &ca necessaryes requisite to that buisiness and to gett some money coyn'd as soon as possibly, for which purpose, the Warehousekeeper is order'd to deliver him a Chest of Dollars. *Method for Silver Coyns.*

SILVER COYNES FOR MADRASS.

The standard to be Dollar finess to be calculated near $ 16 : ℘ 10 Pags which at the Invoyce price of Stã Silver will be proffitt to the Rt Honble Compa besides charges: of coyning & employ much of their Silver, wch often wants a markett and lyes long by at a dead Loss besides twill be a great conveniency to ye: Inhabitants and housekeeprs of the Town, fanams being much counterfeited and by their smallness very subject to be Lost or undervallued and least our comeing too neer rupees, may now offend the Country governmt twill be best at first that our greatest coyne does not exceed the Vallue of four fanams The Weight and Stamp of the coynes Vizt. *of wt finess.* *The weights the coynes to be of.*

	dwt.	gr.
The 4 : fanam peice to weigh	3 :	4 :
2 : fanam	1 :	14 :
1 : fanam	—	19 :
½ : fanam	—	9½ :

All the coynes to be first weighed & bulletted since we cannot have instruments suddainly nor well made here to make & cutt the plates, and the other way now serve as well & handsomely; the stamp to be the Rt Honble Compas mark on one side cutt in a wreath of Lawrell for the circle and under to be Madrass and the date of the year, the reverse to be The English: four fanams. The English, two fanams, and The English one fanam, to be wrott cross the peice in Jentue. This was long since order'd but neglected by the Essay Mastr Johnson. For Sumatra the same only add the Bencolen peice in Mallay and make 8 : and 16 : fa : peices. *The marks upon ym.*

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[9TH] 12. 5 English men arrived from Conimere.

This Evening arrived from Conimere five English men wch ran away from the Pyrat att Wandewash, who came & address'd themselves to the President, who after many Questions and enquiries told them that before they can be sett at Liberty they must receive their Tryall before the Judge advocate in ye Court of Admiralty according to Law.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 13.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH: HIGGINSON. S^{R}
MR JOHN LITTLETON CAP^{T} WILL^{M} HEATH
M^{R} ROB^{T} FREEMAN MR THOMAS WAVEL[4]
MR WILL^{M} FRASER MR WILL^{M} CAWLEY
MR THOM^{S} GRAY.
The whole Councill was duely Summon'd.
S^{R} JOHN BIGGS *sick*.

Last Consultations read.

Our last Consultation concerning the Bengall Expedition was this day again read, and the Councill question'd if they could add to, or dislik't anything therein, who answering in the Negative twas past and Signed.

Genll to Conimere order'd P 1000 to be sent ym.

Generall to Conimere of this date, also read & approved and accordingly order'd that Pag^{s} 1000 be sent them over land, to defray charges Garrison and Factory expences.

The Meddall of the Rt Honble Compa to Capt Rt Aburthnett to be melted.

Capt Robert Aburthenett, and his Lady being both deceas'd in Bengall, and no relations here, 'Tis order'd that the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} rich and noble Meddall, sent him for his good services, be melted and coyn'd for their Hon^{rs} Acc^{ts} notwthstanding his Overseers, Capt John Bromwell & Mr Pounsett, made demands thereof for Acc^{t} of his poor ffreinds, who the R^{t} Honble Company may gratifie as they please.

Mr Fraser Mustered Ship Defences men

Mr Willm Fraser delivers in the Muster of Ship Defence's men, wherein is Liveing 128 : and 15 : dead.

Report weight of ye gold ℘ ye defence.

The Warehousekeep^{r} and Mintmaster delivers in the report of the weight of the Chest of Gold N^{o} C. ℘ the Defence of 6 dwt. ; 18 gr. : short of Invoice.

Rules to be establish't.

Rules and Orders for the Establishment of the New Joint Stock Merchants read and approved.

P 100 be pd ye reddwood Mercht.

Order'd that 100 Pag^{s} be paid the Reddwood Merchants to forward their Investment of the reddwood, and that it may arrive in season.

Cordage rates past.

Being advised by the Gentlemen lately come out, that in England the Cordage is risen 30 s. ℘ C^{o} Tis therefore orderd that the Storekeep^{r} till further order do sell the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Cordage, to the English at 4 Pag^{s} ℘ C^{o} and to fforreign^{rs} at 4½ :

Mr Harding's petition.

Mr James Harding makeing it his Petition to returne for England on the Bengall Merchant, twas granted him provided he pay 26 : pag^{s} according to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} possitive orders.

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WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

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14. Genll from Conimere.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Conimere dated the 11th Instant wth an accompanied one from Nacque Panasahulla at Porto Novo.

15. Ship Rochester Saild.

Ship Rochester Capt John Bromwell Command^{r} this morning Set saile for Trincomala, and had not ye manners to salute ye ffort.

There hapned this Evening a sad accident, by the Loss of one of the Corporalls of the gaurd, named John Gray, who was kill'd in a duell by Robt Dodwell, formerly belonging to the gaurd but was acquitted, who was Seiz'd on and clap't up in Prison in order for his Tryall.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 16.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON S^{R} JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON CAP^{T} WILL^{M} HEATH
MR ROBERT FREEMAN MR THOM^{S} WAVELL
MR WILL^{M} FRASER MR WILL^{M} CAWLEY
MR THOM^{S} GRAY.

Commission to Capt Heath.

Commission & Instructions to Capt Willm Heath were read approv'd and sign'd, deliver'd him wth Coppies of the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} letter that part relateing to their Affaires in the Bay and Coppies of our Consultations of the 6th and 9th Ins^{t} concerning the same, also his dispatch signed, but he desireing a day or two's time to water, in consideration of the many Souldiers, the delivery was deferr'd.

Generall to ye Bay.

Generall to the Agent & Councill in the Bay were read approv'd and sign'd, also letters of recommendation to the Bay, West Coast and China for Ship James, were orderd to be deliver'd Mr Gough.

Generall from Surat.

Generall from Surrat of date the 9th May relateing to their Affaires and the Mogulls Phyrmaund the contents of wch was yet unknown ; being sealed up and to be deliver[e]d to non[e] but the Generall who was at Bombay, Coppy of which order'd to be deliver'd Capt Heath.

Orderd that Pag^{s} 100 be sent to Metchlepatam ffactory and Pag^{s} 100 to Madapollam to pay the Peons charge of gaurding those Factoryes.

List of Law suit fees.

Sr John Biggs deliver'd in a list of the Law Tax rec^{d} in ye Court of Admiralty, being from the [*lacuna in the original*] to the [*lacuna in the original*] amounting to Pag^{s} 161 : 30 : wch list is order'd to be sent for England.

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17. Lettr of recommendations.

Letters of Recommendations to the Bay, West coast & China deliver'd Mr Gough.

19. Ship Ann arrived at Trincambar.

This morning came advices from Trincambar of Ship Ann Capt Freeck's, Command^{rs} arrivall there.

The Rt Honble Compas Merchts agreement.

Rules & Orders made & agreed by and between the Honble Elihu Yale Presid^{t} & Govern^{r} &c^{a} Councill of Fort St George & the R^{tt} Honble Comp^{as} Merch^{ts} of this Citty of Madrass for the Mangem^{t} of their Joint Stock Viz^{t}.

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First that their stock doe consist of one hundred shaires each to deposite Two hundred Pag[s] in ready money.

That there be Twelve Cheif Merchants, Two whereof Heads to Summons the Rest to meet to Consult & direct their buisiness & to keep the seals of their s[d] Joint Stock under severall keys.

Other Two of the s[d] Ten Cheif Merch[ts] are to keep the keys of the Cash Chest and Cash and under them one Conacaply to writ[e] their acc[ts] and the Casheers are only to pay money upon Order of Counsultation, and the Two head Merch[ts] bill takeing a rec[t] from the Person to whom they pay it, and there to be produced and wth their acc[t] of Cash to be read monthly in Councill of y[e] 12 Merch[ts] or the major part of them, to confirm or disallow the said Payment, if allow'd, it must be enter'd so, and signed by the 10 Merch[ts] if disapproved the Casheer must make satisfaction and clear the same.

Merchts agreemt. Other Three Chief Merch[ts] are to take the Charge & care of the Callicoes and India goods, to see their cloth is well made according to muster and Contract, both as to goodness Lengths & breadths, & to return w[t] proves otherwise to those y[t] provided it, they are also to take care y[t] all goods be secured frõ Loss or dammage, & they are to have one Conacaply to write their acc[ts] wch are also monthly to be read in their Councill and upon each Goedown there is to be Two different Locks and keys one whereof to be kept by each Warehousekeep[r] who are jointly accomptable for all goods rec[d] and deliver'd.

Other Two Merchants are to look after their Europe Goods to take care that they be not embezled or dammaged but dispose of them as much & as well as they can, or at such rates as the Cheif Merch[ts] shall agree upon & order that a Conacoply be also allow'd for their assistance and two keys to be kept.

The other three Merch[ts] are to take care & charge of the Washers, Beaters, Weavers, painters and dyers, to see y[t] they performe their Severall Duties well & seasonably, and to Correct and remedy their defects mistakes, and they are also to have one Conacaply allow'd them for the keeping their acc[ts] and all in their severall charges to have so many Peons as are necessary to their severall buisiness all to be p[d] by the stock, w[ch] the multiplicity of Conacaplies having been formerly a great charge and trouble & deceit to, wee therefore allow but of 4 Conacaplies for the Joint Stock buisiness, & those to be chosen by one Head Merch[t] and five Cheif Merch[ts] The next by the other Head and five Cheif Merchants. The Comeetees the Third and the Chettees the fourth, each to be allowd three Pag[s] a month wages & no other ꝑquisite.

The Cash Chest is to be kept at their Chamber at their Goedownes wth in the Garrison Town, where the said Twelve Cheif Merch[ts] are to meet twice every week Viz[t] on Thursdays & Saturdays at three a clock in the afternoon, to consult & direct their Affairs and w[t] they jointly agree and act therein to be allow'd of by the Rest of the Joint Stock Merch[ts] wth out Scruple or question in Consideration of their constant care and trouble, the Joint Stock is to allow to the two head Merch[ts] 60 Pag[s] each and to the other 10 Cheif Merchants each Pag[s] 30 to be paid them on the Last of December, only deducting half a Pag[o] ꝑ diem from each head Merch[t] & nine fanams from each Cheife Merch[t] for every day he absents from their Councill, and the managem[t] of the whole buisiness being referr'd to y[e] trust and care of the said Twelve Merchants, they are faithfully to discharge it, upon penalty of Forfeiture of their Respective Shares, in this Joint Stock for any corruption or fraud they shall be justly convicted of, as likewise the same to any of the Joint Stock Merch[ts] employ'd therein by them.

That twenty Persons be chosen by the Chief Merchants out of the Sub Joint Stock Merch[ts] to goe up the Countrey to buy cloth, and look after such buisiness as shall be ordered by them for w[ch] they are to be allow'd 3 Pag[s] ꝑ month dureing their said service in the Country, also to be allow'd for that time, what Conacaplies & Peons are necessary for that buisiness and to leave their severall attorneys here

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in their abscence to follow the orders of the Cheif Merchants, and as all Accts relateing to their buisiness must be read and examined in their Councell, each month and all errors therein then Rectified, so they are at the expiration of every two years to ballance their Accts & make a just dividend of their Proffitts of their stock and trade to each Person concern'd therein.

And whereas the Trade, encrease and good of ys Place depends much upon the Settlement, Reputation & management of this Joint Stock, The proprietors being the most Considerable Merchants here wch being well & justly regulated & managed may purchase and acquire such an esteeme and Credt of their fund for the future as will invite strangers from the adjacent governmts to secure or Imploy their Estates wth them, wch will make money more plentifull and Interest lower to the great encouragemt and encrease of trade and the Customes of the place. Wee the Presidt & Councill of the Citty of Madrass for acct of the Rt Honble East India Company do therefore for ourselves and successors hereby approve, and confirme the foregoeing settlement of the Joint Stock wth all ye Rules & orders and penalties therein, to be constant & duely observ'd & acted & for the further encouragemt thereof Wee do hereby make it a standing Rule & Law yt no part of ye Sd Joint Stock shall at any time be attack't [sic], arrested, or Seiz'd by any order of Government writts or from any of our Execution Courts of Judicature upon any Accts demand or pretence whatever, though any ℘son concern'd in said Joint Stock may sell assigne or transferr his part therein, to any sufficient Mercht by consent or opprobatiō of the Generall, President & Councill and not otherwise, nor may any Person be turn'd out from the said Stock but by ym only & then upon Sufficient prooffs of his defrauding, discovering the secretts or abuseing the Sd Joint Stock contrary to the establishment thereof, and further we do appoint The 2 head Merchts shall have each 6 : Shairs & each Cheife Mercht 3 Shairs & no more & no other Merchts to exceed 2 Shairs in ye Sd Joint Stock except he shall come to be one of ye Cheif Mercht & yn to be equall wth them, & yt in all debates in Consultation ye buisiness in dispute must be decided by majority of Votes, wherein ye 2 : Head Merchts are to have each a double Voat & ye buisiness so carry'd must be sign'd by ye whole 12 : or so many of ym as shall be yn present & to be transacted accordingly.

Merchants Agreement.

And yt then shall be our Common Seale for ye Joint Stock as shall be agreed upon by the 12 : Chief Merchants, to be affixt to all Contracts & Obligations, wch shall oblige ye sd Stock to a just discharge and ℘formance of all their Engagements.

That upon ye Removall of any head or Cheif Mercht The remaining Cheif Merchts are to present 2 : to the Generall or President & Councill who are to choose & Confirme one of ym in the room of the deceased & for the rest of ye Joint Stock Merchts the next of their kindred are to Succeed them in their shairs if there shall be noe just exception against them.

Upon all contracts, 'twixt the Rt Honble Compa & ye Joint Stock Merchts they are to manifest their stock to be ready & Sufficient to Secure ye Rt Honble Compas trade wth them & yt it be not converted to ℘ticular trades & accts but reserved soly to ye Joint Trade of the stock & all Persons to suffer such a penalty as shall be awarded by the Generall President &ca and the 12 : Merchts or the major part of them, that shall act contrary to these orders.

Upon any urgent occasion the Rt Honble Compa shall have for goods, for ye Ladeing & dispatch of any unexpected ship or suddain order, & if it should so happen yt they should be out of Cash here, in such case ye said Joint Stock are oblig'd to furnish ye Rt Honble Compas occasions wth goods upon Credt to ye amot of their stock, to be made good from the next money yt arrive from them.

That ye aforesd Rules and Orders be yearly upon ye first of January publickly read, before the Generall, or President & Council and the Rt Honble Compas Joint

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[19TH]

Stock Merch[ts], as well to Confirme as keep ℣ the method hereby establish'd, Dated att Fort S[t] George in the Citty of Madrass y[e] 12th day of August Anno 1688.

CHINNA VENCATADRY.	శ్రీరటిల చిన వెంకటాద్రి.
ALLINGALL PILLA.	சிவகடாக்ஷம் ஆலங்காடர்.
	భేరి తింమ్మన వ్రాలు.
	ఖానిముద్దు విరాన్న వ్రాలు.
SURA VENCATARAMA.	సూరా వెంకట్రాముడు వ్రాలు.
CORNAPA.	காறணப்பன் கையெழுத்து.
PASSAMORTEE CASHEE.	పసుమర్తి కాశి వ్రాలు.
AYAPA CHETTE.	அய்யப்பன்.
RANGHIA.	రంగయ వ్రాలు.
COPARTEE CASHEE.	కోప్పరపు కాశి వ్రాలు.
PERTOMBE CHEITEE.	பெரியதம்பி.
SARAWANA MODELLE.	சரவணன்.

List of ye. Rt Honble Compa Joint Stock Merchts.

List of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Joint Stock Merch[ts] and their Respective Shairs Viz ;

	Sha.	Pa :	Fa :
Chenna Vencatadry : Sha[r]	6 :	1200 :	00
Allingall Pilla	6 :	1200 :	—

Cheif Merch[ts] Viz .

	Sha.	Pa :	Fa :
Passapoortee Cashe	3 :	600 :	00
Carnapa Chettee	3 :	600 :	—
Ayapa Chettee	3 :	600 :	—
Ranghia	3 :	600 :	—
Saravanum Moodelee	3 :	600 :	—
Copartee Cashe	3 :	600 :	—
Tandua Chettee	3 :	600 :	—
Suranandya Appya	3 :	600 :	—
Durgapa	2 :	400 :	—
Condemolla Madua Chettee	1 :	200 :	—
Sura Vencatarama Mutalo	2 :	400 :	—
Natarya pilla	2 :	400 :	—
Conchee Balla Chettee	2 :	400 :	—
Passamoortee Bala Chittee	2 :	400 :	—
Ponapa Chettee	2 :	400 :	—
Yeacumbrum Pereatombe	2 :	400 :	—
Taragoo Muttamar	2 :	400 :	—
Sancara Muttamar	½ :	100 :	—
Pedda Verapa Chettee	2 :	400 ·	—
Madua Chettee	1 :	200 :	—
Candapa Chettee	1½ :	300 :	—
Pynapa Chettee	1 :	200 :	—
Tere Vengadum	½ :	100 :	—
Pereatombe Tanapa Chettee	2 :	400 :	—
Nerela Narran	½ :	100 :	—
Severago Chettee	1 :	200 :	—
Chincapilla	1 :	200 :	—
Vencachellum	1 :	200 :	—
Venayca Chettee	1 :	200 :	—
Mootabaucam Vellapa...	½ :	100 :	—
Puddapawcum Tombe Chettee	1 :	200 :	—
Yerra Chettee Muttamarr	1 :	200 :	—
Rachapa Chettee	1 :	200 :	—
Tappa Chettee Verapa...	½ :	100 :	—
Chittoopautoo Tandua Chettee	½ :	100 :	—
Pashmoorte Naique Chettee	½ :	100 :	—
Pettucaune Ballya	1 :	200 :	—
Poonamullee Nallamoorte	1½ :	300 :	—
Mana Chettee	½ :	100 :	—
Tanapa Chettee Nalla Chet	½ :	100 :	—

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	Sha.	Pa :	Fa :
Vennee Teeta Chettee	½ :	100 :	—
Comarapa Chettee	½ :	100 :	—
Chellaia Mooteapa	½ :	100 :	—
Perreana Chettee	½ :	100 :	—
Conchella Janga	½ :	100 :	—
Bogavarapoo Yellapa	½ :	100 :	—
Corrangoloopaulum	½ :	100 :	—
Aureapa	½ :	100 :	—
Chevalooroo Chinnia Chet	½ :	100 :	—
Audeepooree	½ :	100 :	—
Colloway Chettee	1 :	200 :	—
Paukee Chettee	1 :	200 :	—
Canacapa Tilla Chettee	1 :	200 :	—
Mauduapa Ancana	½ :	100 :	—
Cassa Jangam, Ramapa	2 :	400 :	—
Cana Varum Chinaramana	½ :	100 :	—
Wollaca Chettee	1 :	200 :	—
Chinaundee	½ :	100 :	—
Coondoor Narran	½ :	100 :	—
Conchellapedda Jangam	½ :	100 :	—
Monamarr Moota Chettee	1 :	200 :	—
Velleshary Mootamarr	½ :	100 :	—
Colapatee Vencataputtee	½ :	100 :	—
Buntala Timma Chettee	½ :	100 :	—
Aunda Chettee	½ :	100 :	—
Jalleepoollee China Tombo	½ :	100 :	—
Paudalee Chettee	½ :	100 :	—
Amara Oblo	½ :	100 :	—
Chinna Oblo	½ :	100 :	—
Peddaramana	½ :	100 :	—
Caunavanum Vencaraputt	½ :	100 :	—
Mogooroo Yellapa	½ :	100 :	—
Ponooroo Sangapa	½ :	100 :	—
Tallee Chettee Teagapa	½ :	100 :	—
Ammyapa Chettee	½ :	100 :	—
Caurta Chettee	½ ;	100 :	—

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present MUNDAY 20.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON SR
MR JOHN LITTLETON CAPT WILLM HEATH
MR ROBT FREEMAN MR THOMS WAVELL
MR WILLM FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY
MR THOMS GRAY.
The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.
SR JOHN BIGGS *sick*.

The Pettipollee Merchants being come to town demanded the Rt Honble Compas debt to them upon Mr Littleton, Cheife &cas their Bills amounting to Pags 6565 : 31 : 4 : wch is orderd to be paid them, when upon produce of the Bills, they demanded Interest from their date, but the bills being in English & mentioning nothing thereof, it could not be allowed them, thô they urged 'twas their agreement, but Mr Littleton affirming the contrary, The President told them the money was allways ready to be paid them or their Order, and 'twas their fault for that 'twas not sooner paid them. The Honble Compas debt to ye Pettipollee Merch'ts discharg'd.

The Land Customer Mr Wm Cawley read his Book of Accts of the land Customes for ye month of July Viz. Land Customrs accts.

Land Customes	Pag.	34 :	29 :	76 :
Weighers Duty	„	1 :	19 :	9 :
Brokeridge	„	16 :	9 :	67 :

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Chowltry Customes	Pag.	89 : 24 : 44 :
Measurers duty	„	135 : 21 : 19 :
Banksall Toll	„	— : 34 : 8 :
	Pags	278 : 30 : 23 :
Deduct Wages.		5 : 25 : 56 :
	Pags	273 : 04 : 67 :

Minters discourst. The Minters were discourst about the coynage of the Silver money, who demanded 10 fan ℔ seer for mintage charges and Loss, which being extravagantly high, they were dismist to more reasonable Considerations.

List of action[s] enter'd. The Register delivers in a list of Actions enterd in ye Court of Admiralty, since Munday last wch wast past in Councill.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R: FFREEMAN.
THO: WAVELL.
WM CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

21. Ship Defence Dispatch. Deliver'd Capt. Wm Heath his dispatch for Bengall, dated ys day.

21. Pass to Mr. Coventry. Pass given to Mr John Coventry and Wm Coleman as Inhabitants of this place.

23. Do to boat Patlada Naras~i. Pass to boat Patlada Narasim, belonging to Peray.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY-23.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
MR NATH. HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS.
MR JOHN LITTLETON CAPT .
MR . MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR WILLM FRASER MR WM CAWLEY
MR THOMAS GRAY.
The Councill being duly Sammon'd.

Cowl for St Thoma procur'd. Notwithstanding the many difficulties we have had about the renting of St Thoma, The President have by private correspondence wth the Governours of the Countrey, Mahomed Sadeek &ca procured their Cowle or lease for ye renting the Town and Customes of St Thoma & the adjacent towns as farr as St Thoma's Mount notwthstanding the Porteguez buffs and noise of the Mogulls Phyrmaund, for their free enjoymt of the town &ca wch has cost them by their Envoy Preist at least 7000 Pags to the Mogulls officers and 'tis now reported their mighty Phyrmaund proves only a compliment referring them to former Customes in the King of Golcandahs time and to agree wth the Governmt about St Thoma as well as they can, wherein we also haveing an equall title and priveledge, have Improv'd it beyond them and rented the said places, upon the following tearms, Vizt:

The Conditions. That we have the free and sole Government of the Town Customes and all other Revenues of St Thoma for five years from the first of June last, for which we are to pay the yearly Rent of 3,800 Pags at three equall Payments, that is each 4 : months, one third thereof wch is two hundred Pags less then the Portuguez paid and we formerly offer'd. In consideration of wch kindness & disappointing

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the Portuguez. We have agreed as formerly to Piscash the Seer lascar wth one thousand Pagodas to be paid him the ℘mo October 1689 : provided we unmolestedly enjoy the Governmt of St Thoma &ca to that time and that he uses all possible means to procure the Moguls confirmation of the said lease for as long a terme as possibly. But if the Moguls or any other power or means the Governmt should be lett or wrested from us in such case we are to pay no rent but ye Duan are to take the Proffitts from the receivers and the Rt Honble Compa accountable for nothing thereof.

And in Consideration of our present difference wth the Mogull and his aversion to us and our Governmt as also haveing order'd that these Parts should be under the same Rules and Governmt as in the King of Golcanda's time, who had given his Phyrmaund to Verona for the renting St Thoma wth its adjacencyes wch by virtue of the said order still of some authority ; as also that we might not too much exasperate the Portugueze in their loss and disappointment of a place they retain a most superstitious Veneration for, which possibly might provoke them to mutiny or rebellion at least some disturbance or mischeif, they being at present two thirds of our Souldiers and at least 6 : for one to ye English Inhabitants, all wch Considerations induce and prevail wth us, to take the Cowle in China Vencatadry name for the Rt Honble Compas acct which is accordingly done and two Cowls deliverd us one from Mohomed Sadeek Seerlascar of all this Country and the other from Apogee Pontulo Governour of the Countrey from Sadraspatam to Pollicat, who tomorrow is to deliver up the charge of St Thoma Government to our Bramenie, tyeing the green leaves and performing all other accustomed Ceremonies.

The Collectors of the Revenues demanding ye ground Quitt rents according to a rent role drawn & order'd to be recd by them, severall of our Inhabitants produced Deeds under Agent Masters &ca hands & ye Rt Honble Compas Seal for a full and free sale the ground their houses stand on in behalf of the Rt Honble Compa the severall summe being brought into their Cash, The Legality whereof, being debated in Councill, 'twas concluded to be firme and binding to us, being confirm'd by the Government and Company's Seal, but for the great conveniency and uniformity of the Governmt, Tis agreed and order'd, that Mr Wavell, Renter Genll doe endeavour to prevaile with Those severall people to deliver up their deeds upon payment of the severall Summs they paid the Rt Honble Compa in Consideration thereof, and that all may be brought under the Same order of Quitt Rents. Concerning ye Quit rents.

Mr Thomas Gray being appointed by the Rt Honble Compa to mannage the assurance office, tis order'd ye said office be kept in a Chamber at the Custome house and the Rules and the Conditions thereof be publish't and affixed up there. Office of assurance to be at ye Custome house.

Order'd that Pags 30 be advanc't to the Minters. P. 30 : be paid ye Minters.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT : HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R : FFREEMAN.
THO : WAVELL.
WM. CAWLEY.
THO : GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Generall to Conimere of yesterdays date read and past, and this day forwarded wth an enclosed list of goods, to be provided for the year 1,689 : 24. Generall to Conimere.

This day held at the Town Hall the genll sessions of Peace, where there were three male factors try'd, whereof two of them were blacks and the other an Englishman, named Robt Dodwell, the former pleading guilty at the barr for severall burgalarys committed by them and the latter, was by the Jury brot in guilty for Man Slaughter, whereupon the Judge past Sentence of death upon them, but Robt Dodwell desired of the bench the benefitt of the Clergy, wch was granted him. Generall Sessions of Peace.

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The gen[ll] Sessions of Peace continued till this day for the severall Presentments to be brought in.

Generall from Conimere. Rec[d] a Generall from Conimere, dated the 22[d] Ins[t] adviseing of the rec[t] of y[e] 1,000 Pag[s] sent them overland and of the arrivall of Ship Ann there Capt Freek Com[dr] from England, also of severall Soldiers running away thence and entering themselves into the Mogull's service.

26\. Ann's arrivall. This morning arrived the Ann, Cap[t] Freek, Command[r] bringing with her a Ship belonging to Eccojee Pontulo at Porto Novo, w[ch] he thought to belong to the Moors.

Capt Heaths Commission del[d]. Deliver'd Cap[t] W[m] Heath his Commission & Instructions, also the Box of Letters, directed to the Agent & Council in Bengall.

James set sail for Bengal. The James, Cap[t] Roberts, Command[r] set sail this morning for Bengall.

27\. Ship Defence set sail for Bengall. The Ship Defence, Cap[t] W[m] Heath Commander set saile this morning for Bengall.

The many Paketts arriveing this day, prevented the Presid[ts] meeting the Councill in Consultation as summon'd being buisy in the perusall of the following letters, Viz[t].

Lettr: from England. From England by the James and Mary, who arrived in Bombay safely, and looseing only 12 : of our Souldiers a particular letter only from the Generall to the President adviseing that all affaires are well there and that he would write largely in four or five dayes.

Genll from Surrat. Letter from Surrat informed us that they had procured a Coppy of the Moguls Phyrmaund to the Generall, w[ch] being defective in his title as also about the 2 ℘ Cent Custome and other things was thought ffitt to be return'd to the Nabob who engaged an amendation thereof to ye Gener[lls] satisfaction.

Genll from Bengall. The Letter from Bengall adviseing of their being still at Chuttenuttee that Mr Heyrs and Mr Braddil from Dacca were relateing their proceedings wth ye Nabob which bare no good aspect.

Lettr from Vizagapatâ. Letters from Vizagapatam advises that the Princess would be dispatch't in 4: dayes time. Notwithstanding Mr Browns Cowle, the Seerlascar had rented ye town of Vizagapat : to a Moor's Governour at 1,000 rupees more then we gave for it, but that the R[t] Honble Comp[as] buisiness were like to be free of Custome and that the buisiness soe farr went currantly on.

Lettr from or Egibb at Golcanda. Letters from our Egibb at Golcandah were of old date and the Cosset came cheifly to accompany those from Surrat.

Genll from Bencolen. Generall from M[r] Benjamin Bloom and M[r] Knipe at Bencolen, also severall from Indeapore adviseing of the state of their affaires, being in a much pro[s]perous condition then formerly, by the favourable assistance of our worthy Pontent freind the Emperour Janapatwan, who has so esspoused our Interest that he is resolved to settle us in a fortification in spight of the Dutch or any other, who has confirm'd by a letter to the Govornour, accompanyed with a curteous present that the Success Friggot w[ch] is arrived at Bengall wth a ladeing of 275 : ½ bahar of Pepper, was dispatch't from Bencolen to this place and that he wanted a maine mast which he lost in October storme and could not be supply'd in those parts, The Agent &c[a] in Bengall intends to send him up hither wth a Ladeing of Provision, as soon as she is fitted.

27\. Succadana. From Succadana Via Batavia by a Sloop Commanded by Samuel Glover rec[d] the confirmation of the sad news of the Loss of the Katherine destroy'd at Benjar, also two Ships belonging to the King of Syam and one to the Dutch, The King of Succadana giveing us many kind Invitations to settle in his Country, offering free and sole possossion of a large Island for a trade.

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TUESDAY 28.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLM FRASER
MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.
The Whole Councill being duely Summon'd.
MR ROBERT FREEMAN *sick.*

A sloop to be bought and sent to ye West Coast.

The severall generalls recd yesterday were perused and discour'st on, The Advices from Bencolen giveing us great encouragement and hopes of a better settlement, the Rt Honble Compa haveing expressly order'd us to indulge and cultivate those places by all means and ways possible that we may procure pepper for our great Tonnage, but wantting a Vessell at present to send advices, Assistance and other necessaryes thither and this being ye seasonable Monsoon for those parts, and that we may not loose more time therein, 'tis agreed and order'd that a Sloop be bought at the best rates, a fitting one just now arriving from Batavia.

Stores to be sent to Bencolen.

And the Storekeeper do provide what Stores &ca they require for the Pryaman friggott to be sent her by sd Sloop.

Settlement ye assurance office.

An order for the settlement and publishing the assurance office read and past and appointed to be affixed upon the Gates of the Citty, as enterd in a Duary [*sic*].

Mr Higginson desires to be excused ye office of Mayor.

Mr Nathaniel Higginson gave in his Petition to the Councill requesting to be now excused the office of Mayor of the Corporation in Consideration of the weighty buisiness of the Generall Books and the Mint which he doubt will not allow him time for other matters, the Generall accts being much behind hand but the Rt Honble Compa haveing appointed him first Mayor of the Corporation, We are doubtfull the Alteration may displease them besides 'tis questioned whether we have Authority to excuse him before sworne, It is therefore recommended to the Judge to examine the Rt Honble Compas Charter & to report to the Councill his opinion thereon.

Generall Sessions.

At the Generall Sessions of Peace held at ye Town Hall the 24th & 25th Instant being two black Criminalls try'd and found guilty of Severall Burgalarys and the Bench inclineing as well to mercy as to make an Example to others for the Prevention of such crimes for the future, which of late have bin very common and notorious in Town, 'twas therefore order'd and agreed by the Bench that Tembee be executed on the common Gybbet and the other be banished the Rt Honble Compas Slave to St Helena and mark't with their Honours Chopp upon his Soldier [*sic*].

Warehousekeepr to unlade ye Ann & her soldiers.

Orderd that the Warehousekeeper Mr Jno Littleton doe unlade the goods aboard Ship Ann, as also the Paymaster to send for the remayning 9 Souldiers ashoare.

Assistance appointed in ye Mint.

There being a Chest of Gold to be coyned, ti's therefore orderd yt Mr Wm Cawley & Mr Thomas Gray & Mr Pitt do give their Assistance therein at the Mint.

The Packett to be sent by sea.

The Packett from Bombay being 3 months comeing by reason of the troubles and Scarcity of the Country and severall of our Golcanda letters haveing been lost for which reason, The Rt Honble Compas Packett is Order'd to be sent by a french conveyance by Sea and not overland.

Paymasters acct read.

Mr Robert Freeman Paymaster Generalls Accts for the month of July, were read and past in Councill, ys contents Viz.

Charges Garrison	Pags	870 : 15 : —
Charges Generall	„	437 : 19 : $\frac{3}{4}$
Charges Dyett	„	306 : 18 : $\frac{1}{4}$
Charges extraordinary	„	49 : 35 : $\frac{7}{8}$
Charges Cattle	„	31 : 01 : $\frac{3}{4}$
Charges Merchandize	„	47 : 34 :—
Fortification & Repairs	„	93 : 08 : $\frac{3}{16}$

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Expedition to Bengall	Pags	44 :	8 : $\frac{1}{4}$
Expedition to Tanassaree	„	—	25 : —
Factors provision	„	75 :	18 : —
House moveables	„	10 :	18 : —
	Pags	1967 :	22 : $\frac{7}{16}$

P. 900 be pd Mr ffreeman. Order'd that Pags 900 be paid Mr Robt ffreeman Paymaster Generall to defray charges Garrison.

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R. FFREEMAN.
THO. WAVELL.
WM CAWLEY.
WILLIAM PROBY Secry. THO. GRAY.

Concerning the Assurance Office.

These are to give notice to all Persons, that the Rt Honble Compa have order'd & establish't an Assurance office for the greater encouragement & security of trade, where all Persons, may be rightly enformed therein, both as to assureing and being assured, according to the Severall Voyages and Premiums, the Partyes shall treat and agree upon where also they may have authentique Pollicies drawn and Registred the fees whereof being only one quarter ℘ Ct to the Rt Honble Compa and nine fanams to the Register for each pollicy, and those who have occasion may repair to Mr Thomas Gray at his office in ye Customehouse & no other Pollicyes being held Legall but wt registerd by him Dated at ffort St. George in ye Citty of Madrass, this 28th day of August Anno 1688.

By Order of the President & Councill.
WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

29. News abt ye George from Bombay. Letters from Bombay adviseing the Shipp George looseing her Passage to Persia, and was forced to putt in there and that they did intend to dispatch her for Persia the first oppertunity.

30. The Dutch sending in present to ye Mogull to ye amt of 1200 P. &ca. The Governour being advised from Pullicat that the Heer Henrique Van Reede Dutch Commissary Genll was sending his second Senr Johannes Bacherus to visit the Mogull at his camp in Vizapore and were provideing severall sorts of plates for Presents to the amount of 12000 Pags 20 Ellephants, and 12 Persia horses and were in hopes to procure a Generall Phyrmaund for their free trade in India.

30. Ship Phenix arrived. Ship Phenix Capt Edward Inglish Commandr arriv'd this morning from Porto Novo.

Generall from Conimere. Generalls from Conimere of the 27th & 29th Instant, adviseing of the Avaldar's stopping the Rt Honble Compa Bale goods at Porto Novo from being laden on board ye Ship Phenix by reason of Capt Freek's takeing the Duans Shipp wch was in Porto Novo, and has occasion'd Severall of our Merchts that were at Carricall and Trinlivas to be put in prison.

Do of the 24 Instant, adviseing their Ladeing 33 Bales of the Rt Honble Compas on board the Ann Capt Freek Commander.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 30.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR

MR NATH HIGGINSON	SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR
MR	MR WM. FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY	MR THOMAS GRAY

The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

MR ROBT FREEMAN *sick*. MR THOMAS WAVELL *abst*.

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The President ℘useing the Cuddalore & Porto Novo Genll Books of Accompts, for the year 1687, which arrived two dayes past, found therein many unreasonable charges, more particularly severall abatements upon Europe Goods sold Chellumbrum &ca Merchts at Porto Novo, and Chinna Chette &ca Merchts at Cuddalore sold them at least 12 : months past, which haveing no Authority for, that we know of, 'tis therefore order'd, ye Consultation and Books of accts and our severall letters, be examin'd, and the state of the matter be deliver'd in to the Court of Admiralty, and there to be examin'd and awarded according to Justice and equity & 'tis therefore agreed & order'd that an attachemt to the amt of 10000 Pags be layd upon Mr John Davis concernes in the hands of Mr Henry Alford &ca of his Trustees, and Attorneys. Unreasonable charges in the Coddolore books. Books &ca be examined.

Mr Higginsons paper resolv'd by the Judge &ca that by virtue of the Charter he cannot be excused being Mayor of this Corporation, being particularly nominated and appointed thereto, but that after his being sworne he may have the Liberty to chuse a Deputy upon any Extraordinary buisiness of the Rt Honble Compas. Mr Higginson not excused being Mayor.

The buisiness of St Thoma discourst and resolved, that it be prosecuted against the Porteguez, they having sirrupticiously deposses't Chinna Vencatadry from his late farme by giveing the Country Governour's 350 Pags to restore them to the Government, but times are Variable that they cannot stand long, these common Charges does soe impoverish them, they cannot subsist. [St. Thoma to be prosecuted].

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R. FREEEMAN.
THO: WAVELL.
Wm CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

30. Generall to Conimere dated this day read, approved and dispatch't. Generall to Conimere.

31. The Black Criminall was this day executed at the Common Jibbet, according to sentence past upon him, the 28th Instant. Criminall executed.

ATT A CONSULTATION.

Present

MUNDAY 3.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR
MR NATH HIGGINSON SR
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR
MR THOMS WAVELL MR WILLM FRASER
MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.
The whole Councill duely summon'd.
SR JOHN BIGGS MR ROBERT FREEMAN *sick.*

The Rt Honble Compa haveing not sent out any Medicines this year for the garrison or ffactories, and the Doctor complaining of his great want thereof, 'Tis therefore order'd that the Paymaster do buy a Chest yt offers to sale at the best rates, he can, for use of their Servants, and great number of Soldiers, that now stand in great need of it. A chest of Medicines to be bought.

Receiving last night advices from Conimere of their Merchants proposalls for an Investment, wch differing from the Rt Honble Compas List sent them, & our Orders thereon, 'Tis agreed that the same be repeated and confirm'd, & in consideration our Merchants here have too great an influence upon them they seeming to be infected wth the same designs, & backwardness as those here, Tis thought fitt, to order the Cheif &ca there that they had rather employ those Cuddalore & Porto Novo Merchants now with them, then let the Rt Honble Compa

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suffer by the refractoryness of those former Merchants and for their encouragement that they be allow'd to contract with them to pay one half in money, one eighth in Silver and one Sixth in Europe Goods.

Being in great want of boats for ye accomodation of our Shipping, haveing but 10 that's capable of service left us, from the last great Storme, and all endeavours having been since used, for the provision of those sorts of Planks, to make them with, but none hitherto procureable by reason of the troubles of the Countrey and those parts from whence they come, but a ℘cell this day accidentally arriveing from the Southward, tis order'd that the Paymaster doe buy them & what more he can for the repaireing our old boats and makeing of new with possible expedition.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.
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R: FFREEMAN.
THO: WAVELL.
W^M^ CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry^.

4. *French Ships 2 arrived. Generall to Conimere.* Two French Men of Warrs, arrived little to the Southw^d^ of this road, from Pullicherry to take in some goods, for Syam.

Generall to Conimere of this days date read, approv'd and dispatch't.

5. *Tyranies committed to ye Northward.* Being advised from the Cheif Inhabitants of Armagon that there was lately a Pinnace arriv'd, mann'd with severall English men, who upon their arrivall made their first buisiness to enquire for a guide to conduct them to the Mogulls Camp, offering them both money and Broad cloth, but being unsuccessfull therein, they began to pillage those Seaport towns, committing sever^ll^ Egrigious outrages by killing & wounding severall of the natives, robbing them of their Jewells and boats which were in the River, to the amount of 4700: and odd Pag^s^ besides other things.

6. *Pass to boat Salamatrow.* Pass given to boat Salamatrow, whereof Chineapilla is Tandell.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 6.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^
MR NATH. HIGGINSON S^R^ JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON M^R^
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILL^M^ FRASER
MR WILL^M^ CAWLEY MR THOM^S^ GRAY.
The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.
MR ROBERT FREEMAN *sick*.

Arguments us d wth ye Merchts for an Investmt. After many tedious disputes, Perswasions and trouble about settling the Acc^ts^ and differences among the late Joint Stock Merch^ts^, wch has been labouring, these 5 years in the late Presidency to accomodate, but to little purpose that both the Merchants and Stock were in such confusion & distraction, that the one was near dismissed from trade to the great prejudice of the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ affairs and the Generall trade of the Citty which depended mostly on them, as being the Cheif Merch^ts^ and traders therein, and their Joint Stock being diverted from its first designe and foundation of being a fund to supply and Secure the R^t^ Honble Comp^ns^ trade with them, but upon examination found to be employ'd and engaged on Particular Acc^ts^ and trade, little or nothing remaining but badd debts, and intreagued Acc^ts^ among them wch were noe wayes responsible or capable to indemnifie their obligations to the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ in case of any disappointm^t^ or failure in their contract,' Twas therefore judged unsafe to make any Contract with

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them, till we should see them, their accts and Stock better settled the first whereof being effected, we prevailed with them to subs[c]ribe a new Stock of 20000 Pags consisting mostly of the same Merchants, that were formerly employ'd, but under much better regulations and Methods, which being agreed and Subscrib'd to, and their said stock paid into their Casheers, we proceeded upon contracting wth them for an Investment in such goods as were required and enlisted by the Rt Honble Compa, wherein we found great difficulty & backwardness, they refuseing the takeing off Europe goods or to provide those Course Callicoes we required, except we would Take a proportion of fine with them, alledging that they should be great loosers by the Europe goods, near 50 ₱ Cent instanceing that the Broad cloth wch cost them 22: they sold for 10: and 11: Pags the half Peice, and other goods proportionably, which every day proves the trueth of, in our Bazarrs. Then for Course goods they got little by them formerly, but expected to loose by them now, by reason of the fewness of Weavers, the scarcity of Cotten, and the troubles, and unsettledness of the Countrey running great hazzard in sending and investing out their money, where the Governmt is soe alterable & exactious, soe great, almost monthly changeing their governours since the Mogulls conquest and each to be gratified willingly or forceably, wth many other argumts of the continued scarcity of graine and consequently of Labour they endeavour'd to avoy'd engageing upon any Investmt this year, but on the contrary the President represented the Rt Honble Compas occasions, and their obligation to furnish them, in consideration of their former benefitts, & the continu'd peace and safety they enjoy'd under their Protection and governmt, as also for the reputation of their new stock, and gratitude to the late honour done them in the Corporation, and the great troubles we had taken in settling and reconcileing their confused Accts and differences, without wch they would have been great Sufferers, all which was so prest, that at length prevail'd wth them to contract for an Investmt of 40000 Pags in goods according to the Rt Honble Compa List & notwthstanding all their objections, also to make an Abatemt on ye prices of their Callicoes, assureing them of the Rt Honble Compas kind acceptance of their service and future favour to them, & also that they might expect more agreable goods hereafter but the Compa being loaded wth such quantityes of them were the reason they required noe fine goods now, but no doubt would, when those by them were disposed.

The termes of the Contract as followth Vizt. **Agreement.**

To take of one quarter in Europe goods, one Eight Silver, and five eights in Pagodas, to be brought in by the fine of January next upon penalty of 25 ₱ Cent for failure, the accidents of Warr and other unavoydable necessityes only excepted, the quantityes and prices of our Goods, and theirs as followeth Vizt.

Europe Goods to be deliver'd them Vizt.

Broad cloth Fine Ps 12: at Pags 52: the half Peice.
Aurora ... Ps 48: at Pags : the half Peice.
Broad cloth Ordy P 120: at Pags 22: the half Peice.
Perpetuanoes Fine, 50: at Pags 12: the Peice.
Perpetuanoes Ordy 250: at Pags 07: the Peice.
Lead for Candyes ... at Pags 10: ₱ Candy.
Corrall: Maunds: ... at Pags.
Silver ... ... at 17: ¼ $ ₱ 10 Pags.

Callicoes to be provided Vizt.

Long cloth: white Ordy to the amt of Pags 10000 Vizt.
No. 3: at Pag 25: 20: ₱ Corge.
2: at Pags 24: 18: ₱ Corge.
1 at Pags 22: —: ₱ Corge.
Long cloth: brown to the amount of Pags 5000: Vizt.
No. 6: at Pags 21: 18: ₱ Corge.

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Long cloth blue to the amount of Pag^s 7000 : Viz^t.
No. D× : at Pag^s 27 : 24 : ℘ Corge black.
D : at pa : 28 : 27 : ... blue.
Sallampores Ordin^y to the am^t of Pag^s 10000 Viz^t.
No. 9 : at Pag^s 11 : 05 : ℘ Corge.
3 : at Pag^s 10 : 25 : ℘ Corge.
D^o Careda : Viz :
No. 8 : at Pa : 12 : 5 : ℘ Cor.
7 : at Pa : 11 : 5 : ℘ Cor.
Sallampores Brown to the amount of Pag^s 1000 Viz^t.
No. 9 : at Pag^s 11 : 05 : ℘ Corge.
3 : at Pag^s 10 : 25 : ℘ Corge.
Neck cloths, fine q^t 16^in each Peice of 50 cov^ds Long and one broad to the amount of Pag^s 2000 Viz :
No. 39 : at Pag^s 18 : ℘ Corge.
38 : at Pag^s 16 : ℘ Corge.
Neck cloths according to muster at Pag^s 1 ℘ 33 :
Ginghams of 16 : cov^ts long and 2 : broad Pag^s 1000.
No^s 31 : at Pag^s 24 : 18 : ℘ Cor :
31 × at Pag^s 23 : ... ℘ Cor :
Ginghams of 40 coveds long & [*lacuna*] broad Pag^s 4000 Viz :
No. 35 : at Pag^s 3 : ℘ Peice.
35× : at Pag^s 2 : $\frac{3}{4}$ ℘ Peice.
D^o of 16 : co : long & 1$\frac{7}{8}$: broad :
No. 34 : at Pag^s 32 : ℘ Cor.
34 × at Pag^s 30 ℘ Cor.

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WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry.

Merchts Obligation.

Wee the R^t Honble Comp^as Chief Merchants of Fort St George doe for ourselves and Company hereby agree and oblige ourselves to ye due performance of the aforementiond Contract with the President and Councill for Acc^t of the R^t Honble Comp^a for the severall sorts and quantities to be brought in, and deliver'd, in Fort St George by the Last of January next, upon Penalty of 25 ℘ Cent for what we shall fall short of therein by that time, only excepting the Impediments of Warr and all other unavoydable accidents and Necessities by robberyes or other stops or oppressions from the countrey Government which the President &c^a are to endeavour to clear, in Wittness whereof we have hereunto sett our hand sand Seals in Fort St George and Citty of Madrass this Sixth day of September Anno 1688.

CINNA VENCATADRY. శ్రీచఔరచిన వెంకటాద్రి.
ALLINGALL PILLA. சிவகடாக்ஷம் ஆலங்காடர்.
SURA VENCATARAMANOO. సూరా వెంకట్రాముని వ్రాలు
CORNAPA CHETTEE. காரணப்பன் கையெழுத்து.
PASHMOORTE CASHEE. పసుమర్తి కాశి వ్రాలు.
AYAPA CHITTEE. அய்யப்பன்.
RANGHIA. నోటం రంగయ్య వ్రాలు
COPARTEE CASHEE. కొప్పరపు కాశి వ్రాలు.
SARAVANUM MUDALAREE. சரவணன்.
PEREATOMBEE. பெரியதம்பி.

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This evening the Honble President and Councill mett at the Fort, and after Consultation the Rt Honble Compas Merchants were sent for, and acquainted that since it was accustomary upon makeing of any new Contract for an Investment, to Tasheriff them hopeing by doeing them that honour, the Honble Company may deserve their best services, and accordingly The head Merchts were Tasherift wth 3 : yards Scarlett each and the 10 Cheif Merchts wth 3 : yards Aurora each, and seaven Great guns fired at their goeing out of ye Chowtry Gate. Mercht Tasherift.

7. Ship Pegue Merchant belonging to [*lacuna*] Hart an Inhabitant of this Citty set saile this evening for Peg[u] carrying wth him his family and severall of the Inhabitants of this place with him to dwell there by reason of the Great famine here which caused their removalls hence. Pegu Merchts saild for Pegu.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 10.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLM FRASER.
MR WILLM CAWLEY MR
The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.
MR THOMAS GRAY *sick*.

The Warehousekeeper Mr John Littleton &ca brought before the Councill, two peices of Broad cloth Ordinary came out by the Defence, wch were much damaged & reports that most of them are in the like Condition &'tis their opinion, it proceeds from their ill package in England and not any wayes damag'd by the Ship. Cloth by the Defence very much damaged.

Capt Wm Perse Commandr of the Bengall Merchant requireing 1000 Dollers for account of his owners, agreed by Charterparty for the defraying the charge of his Ship now dispatching for England, which is agreed & orderd to be paid him upon the tearms, that two receits be given for it, one whereof to be sent home in our Packetts for England and the other to remaine here. 1000 $ to be pd Captain Wm Perse.

Haveing sent to Porto Novo, Pollicat and other places on this Coast to find a Mallay writer to direct ye In[s]cription of our money design'd for the west coast, who return'd for answer, that there is none procureable Tis agreed that we deferr makeing those coynes till such time one can be procured. Coynes for ye west coast deferred makeing.

The Register delivers in a List of Actions enter'd in ye Court of Admiralty since Munday last wch was past in Councill.

The Storekeeper Mr William Fraser read his book of Accts for the month of June, which were past in Councill. Storekeeprs accts read.

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THO: WAVELL.
WM: CAWLEY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

11. Generall from Conimere dated the 8th Instant. Generall from Conimeer.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Thursday 13.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERNO^R^
MR NATH. HIGGINSON   S^R^ JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON   M^R^
MR THOMAS WAVELL   MR WILL^M^ FRASER
MR WILL^M^ CAWLEY   MR THOMAS GRAY
The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

Order'd that Pag^s^ 5000 be paid Chinna Vencatadry &^ca^., Company for the provision of Callicoes, upon their new Investment.

Mr John Littleton Warehousekeep^r^ read his Book of Acc^ts^ for the month of August which was past in Councill.

Haveing rec^d^ advices of those fugitives from Shipp Defence, that they still persist in their Pyracies to the Northward, haveing robb'd severall boats of considerable summs of money and Jewells and committed sev^ll^ outragious actions at all places they come, in Consideration whereof and the dayly great complaints, 'Tis agreed and order'd that a small Vessell be man'd & sent to take them, and 20 Peons be also sent overland to raise the Countrey upon them and to seiz or kill them in any Port they shall find them, the charge whereof to be allow'd of by the Merchants, out of what money &c^a^ shall be found with them.

ELIHU YALE.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry^.

According to yesterday's Summons, the President and Councill mett at the Fort Hall, to advise about the Establishing the Corporation of this Citty, where were present all, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Burgesses in towne, when 'twas agreed to meet in their Gowns and Ornaments, at the Towne Hall on the 29th Instant Vizt The Aldermen in Scarlett Serge Gownes, and the Burgesses in white China Silk, to consult about ye chooseing whom they shall think fitt to make up the number of Aldermen &c^a^ appointed by the Charter.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Tuesday 18.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON   MR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON   MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL   MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY   MR THOMAS GRAY.

Sea Customs accts read.

The Sea Customer Mr Thomas Wavell read his Book of Acc^ts^ for the months of July & August, which was past in Councill Viz^t^.

July.

Sea Custome for goods	Pags	922 : 01 : 62
Ditto for Weighing	„	09 : 18 : 65
Ditto for Anchoridge	„	32 : 00 : 00
Ditto for Tonnage	„	102 : 18 : 00
Warehouse rent	„	03 : 00 : 00
	Pags	1077 : 02 : 27

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AUGUST.

Sea Custome for goods	Pag^{s}	829 : 28 : 91
Ditto for Slaves	„	10 : 00 : 00
Ditto for Anchoridge	„	39 : 00 : 00
Weighing	„	6 : 05 : 41
	Pag^{s}	884 : 34 : 32

The Land Customer Mr Willm Cawley read his book of Acc^{ts} for the month of Augst which was past in Councill, Viz^{t}.

Land Customrs accts read.

Land Custome for goods	Pag^{s}	29 : 15 : 63
Weighers duty	„	— : 34 : 81
Brokeridge	„	7 : 20 : 34
Chowltry Customes	„	109 : 16 : 99
Measureing duty	„	120 : 09 : 74
Banksoll Toll	„	02 : 03 : 15
Boteca rents	„	49 : 21 : 41
Shroff's Shopp rent	„	10 : 04 : 00
Fines	„	16 : — : —

Mr Robert Freeman Paymaster Generall, read his Book of Acc^{ts} of expences in the month of August, which was past in Councill, Viz^{t}.

Paymasters accts read.

Charges Garrison	Pag^{s}	1330 : 23 : 00
Charges Generall	„	392 : 01 : $\frac{1}{4}$
Charges Dyett	„	278 : 32 : $\frac{1}{2}$
Charges Extraordinary	„	03 : 00 : —
Charges Cattle	„	30 : 31 : $\frac{1}{8}$
Charges Merchandize	„	100 : 23 : $\frac{1}{2}$
Fortifications & repairs &c$_{a}$	„	83 : 13 : $\frac{7}{16}$
Expedition to Bengall	„	672 : 08 : $\frac{7}{8}$
Ditto to Tanassaree	„	00 : 25 : —
West Coast	„	11 : 06 : —
Voyage to China	„	20 : — : —
House moveables	„	4 : 18 : —
	Pag^{s}	2928 : 02 : $\frac{11}{16}$

The President read his Acc^{t} of Cash for the month of Augst wch was past in Councill, and the Ballance examined amounting to ... ... Pag^{s} 78780 : 03 : 1

Presidents acct of Cash for Augst read & past.

Mr John Stables, Cheif &c^{a} at Vizagapatam, haveing advised us, of their very good Contract wth their Merch^{ts} for the Course goods required for the am^{t} of Pag^{s} 20000 which encourages us to send them down more money but y^{t} the wayes are so pestred with theives, 'tis too dangerous to send it overland, and to send it by sea is also hazzardous from the stormy season we may expect, so that tis resolved the safest to deferr it till December, w^{n} we shall have many good oppertunities by sea, and by y^{t} time we hope they will have compleated their Investment and be ready for another, in the mean time assureing y^{m} of 20000 Pag^{s} with a proportion of Europe goods, in Decem^{r} next, they writeing us, that they are not able to provide more goods by that time, then they have already, undertaken and something doubtfull of their Merchants, compleating that from the great troubles and many obstructions in the Countrey but promise their uttmost endeavours for it.

Advice from Vizagapatam of a very good Investment there.

There offerring a Countrey good new teak vessell for sale about 180 Tonns, & the great occasion we have to send one to the Wst Coast according to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} orders by the Defence 'tis agreed & order'd, y^{t} the Paymaster do buy her for the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Acc^{t} at a publick sale, none of their Hon^{rs} being here, nor any expected to arrive this season, nor any other procureable fitt for this occasion and service.

Mr John Littleton Warehousekeep^{r} is order'd wth all possible expo ition to finish the unladeing the Bengall Merch^{t} of her Paddy, and after to hasten the

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ladeing the appointed, to be sent upon her to England, as much as may be wth safety from danger & damage, and y^t^ most of ye Mas[su]las be employ'd to that Service, that if possible wee may dispatch her by the Fine of this month, least wee fall into last years accidentall misfortune

ELIHU YALE.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry^

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 20.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON S^R^ JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON M^R^ ROB^T^ FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILL^M^ FRASER
MR WILL^M^ CAWLEY M^R^

The whole Councill being duely Summond

MR THOMAS GRAY *sick.*

[Pre]sidt paid ye ball of Mr [Or]ds acct into ye Compas Cash.

The President deposited into the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ Cash the Ballance of Mr Ralph Ord deceased his acc^t^ with him being P 200 : 18 : fa : to be made good to his Lawfull Heirs in England his only sonn dyeing here of the small Pox.

The Portegues Ship bought [for] ye Rt Honble Compa Acct.

The Porteguez Ship mention'd in last Consultation was according to order bought yesterday for Pag^s^ 810 :—which we esteeme a very good bargaine, she being a new teak shipp, built near Surrat, of about 180 Tonns, and were enform'd that 1700 Pag^s^ was lately bid for her, by the Avaldar of Pullicatt, the Said 810 Pag^s^ to be accordingly paid, and the Storekeeper is order'd to man and fitt her for her Voyage, to the West Coast, Mr Wm Rider a marryed Inhabitant of this Citty to goe Command^r^ and Mr Flemmen to be Cheif mate, and to send as many Mustees seamen, and others as can be procured, and she can well carry, also Factors and Soldiers, & To lade Bricks, Tyles, reepers Spars Palmeiraes as also a good quantity of graine, Arrack &c^a^ provisions Canvas Cordage &c^a^ with what small armes wee cann well spare.

Gen : to Conimere.

A Generall letter to Conimere, to hasten the Conclusion of their Contract with their refractory Merchants &c^a^ read and past.

Genll to Vizagapatam.

Another Generall to the Cheif &c^a^ at Vizagapatam ordering the hastning in their agreed for Investm^t^ to be in readyness for the Bengall Shipps, also to furnish us with graine Packing Stuff &c^a^ and to dispatch noe Ships to us empty.

Gingham sheets to be bought.

Also a ℘ Cell of Bengll Cassas to be lookt over.

A Parcell of Gingham Sheets offering to sale of 7 : cov^ts^ long, and Six covets broad, and the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ requireing 500 or 1000 pair as ℘ a list now sent out Tis agreed and order'd that they be bought at P : $2\frac{3}{4}$ ℘ Pair, which we esteeme a very reasonable rate, as also a Parcell of Bengall Cossaes, which the Warehousekeepers are order'd to inspect and give in their opinions of them.

Mr. Alford's Petition abt ye freight of ye Turmerick.

Mr Henry Alford giveing in his Petition to the Councill about the freight of some Turmerick sent to Persia on the Dragon, which amount to more then the produce of the Turmerick, Mr Nath. Higginson and Mr Robert ffreeman are order'd to examine the orders and Instructions concerning y^t^ Commodity about the freight, and that he pay noe more then agreed upon.

Mintmasters accts read.

Mr Nathaniell Higginson his Acc^t^ of the Mint for the months of June and August were read and past Viz.

The Acc^t^ of w^t^ rec^d^ for the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ $\frac{1}{2}$ ℘ Cent for mintage duties upon Particular person's gold Viz :

June, coyn'd Pag. : 712 : y^e^ $\frac{1}{2}$ ℘ C^t^ is P : 3 : 20 :
July nill ... ...
August, coyn'd Pa : 266 : y^e^ : $\frac{1}{2}$ ℘ C^t^ is P : 1 : 12 :

P : 04 : 32 : —

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The Acc^t of coyning the R: H: Comp^as Gold:

June 1: Chest: N° A ℘ Princess denmark: the nett produce.	Pag^s 25167 : 00 : 3
1: Chest No. B ℘ Ditto Shipp y^e nett produce	Pag^s 27290 : 35 : 3

Order'd that Pag^s 1000 be sent overland to Conimere ffactory, for their Charges.

ELIHU YALE.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry.

Generalls to Conimere and Vizagapatam dispatch't. 21. Generall to Conimere.

Ship Francis, Capt Thomas Bowrey Commander arriv'd here from Bengall, and brought the Bengall & Bencolen Generalls. 23. [Ship] Francis arrived.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 24.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R
MR NATH. HIGGINSON S^R JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON M^R
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.
The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.

The Bengall Generall which arrived yesterday ℘ Ship Francis Capt Thomas Bowrey Command^er were this day perused, but haveing our orders about them ℘ Capt Heath there needs noe farther orders about them yet, also Sev^ll other letters from the West Coast that came ℘ Capt Thomas Walthrope on ye Success Frigat, giveing an Acc^t of 2000 baharr of pepper then in readiness & expectation of great quantities by the freindship & Authority of the Manacobo Prince Janapatwan, who Mr Bloom highly extolling him, for his great generosity & fidellity & resolves to stand by & maintaine ye English's Interest & Settlemen^ts against ye dutch & all opposers, its therefore agreed y^t all means be used to engage him to us & that acceptable presents such as Mr Bloom advises & are procureable, be sent him. Bengall & Bengolen generalls ℘ used and discourst.

By this Ship we rec^d advices of Mr Hills getting away from Syam with the Pearle Friggat &c^a and his arrivall at Atchein, but noe Generall letter from him, and only a report that Mr Hodges with four score English more were detein'd Prisoners at Syam under great Severity. Advice of Mr. Hills getting away from Syam.

Mrs Nathaniell Higginson &c^a delivers into the Councill Severall musters taken from the Gold, came out ℘ the Princess of Denmark, and Defence, before & after its melting, which is order'd to be sent home for England, and their Attestations relateing to it to be enterd next after this Consultation. Mr. Higginson's paper about ye gold ℘ ship Princess Defence delivered.

Mrs Lucy Francis Widdow to Capt Francis who was killed in the Warr last year at Hidgley, being sent hither by the Agent &c^a in a very poor & weak Condition, whereby were necessitated to allow her Pagod^s 3: a month for her maintenance, but she now importunely Petitioning to returne home to her freinds in England, and not being able to Subsist here without the R^t Honble Comp^as Charity, which she is not satisfyed with, what wee allow, and being of a turbelent, Clamarous Spirritt and of a badd Reputation, Tis agreed and orderd that Capt William Pearse Command^r of the Bengall Merchant, be order'd to receive her aboard upon the R^t Honble Comp^as Acc^t for her passage to England. Mrs. W. Francis petition to goe for England. Order'd Capt Perse to receive her aboard on ye Compas Acct.

ELIHU YALE.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry.

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[24TH] Mr Higginson's &ca attestation concerning ye Gold: dated the 24th Instant Viz:

Wee the subscribers being by Consultation of the 21st June 1688, appointed to see two Chests of Gold N° A; and B wch came by the Princess of Denmark, melted and musters taken thereof, doe hereby certifye that the Ingotts in each chest were in our presence cut or broake in the middle, and out of the middle of each Ingott so broken was taken a muster of one Penny weight before melting herewith sent, that the said Ingotts were melted in sevell Potts in our presence and cast into Cakes and broken in the middle, and out of the middle of each said broken Cakes a muster of one Penny wt herewith sent.

The said Essay Peices or Musters are in Severall papers which in the presence of the President and Councill were made up in one paper sealed with the Rt Honble Compas Seale and the Subscribers.

And further wee declare by the oath we have taken of Fidellity to the Rt Honble Compa that the musters now returned are truely numbred according to Invoice from England, and that the said Ingotts were melted down in our presence, and the musters as now numbred are true musters thereof.

NATH. HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.
NATH: HALSEY.

The like Attestation for the musters of Gold ℘ new Defence, Subscrib'd by.

		oz.	dwt.
The Mustrs of Princess pz: 50 ps		2;	10:
The Mustrs of ye Defence pz: 22 ps		1:	02:

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.
THOMAS GRAY.
JOHN PITT.
NATH: HALSEY.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

SATURDAY 29.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR
MR NATH: HIGGINSON — SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON — MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL — MR WILLIAM FRASER.
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY — MR THOMAS GRAY.

The Mayor Aldermen &ca summon'd, to consult & establish ye Charter & Corporation. The Oaths for ye Mayor Recorder &ca drawn up & approved. The Maces deld to ye Mayor. Presidt administred Oaths to ye Mayor & Recorder & they the like to ye Aldermen & burgesses

This being the Rt Honble Compas appointed day to establish the Charter, and Corporation, The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses, and the Cheif Inhabitants of the Town were summon'd to the Fort, before whose comeing, the Councill mett, and debated upon the methods & solemnity of our proceedings therein, and the severall forms of Oaths for the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, & Burgesses were drawn up, approved, and agreed, and order'd that upon our meeting, the Charter should be publickly read by ye Secretary and after which, the Maces to be deleiverd by the President into the charge of the Mayor, giveing him & the Recorder their severall Oaths for their just & due performance of their places, which the Mayor & Recorder are to administer Oath to the Aldermen, and Burgesses, and that in the Evening the whole Corporation in their Gowns do walk with the Maces before the Mayor to the Town Hall, to confirme their Establishment, and make some beginning upon their buisiness.

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Capt William Perse Commandr of the Bengall Mercht makeing his request to have 150 : baggs of saltpeter more then the Quintellage allowed by Charter Party, Tis agreed and order'd, that the Warehousekeeper doe deliver ye same to him upon Charterparty Tearms.

Capt Perse requested 150 bags saltpeter. Orderd to be deliverd him.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT : HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.

THO: WAVELL.
WILL : FRASER.
WM : CAWLEY.
THO : GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

According to this day's appointment, The President, Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen & Burgesses, and Cheif of the Inhabitants mett at the Fort Hall, before whom the Rt Honble Compas Charter for this Corporation was publickly read by the Secretary, after which the President administred oaths to the Mayor, and Recorder for their due performance of their Places, and then the Mayor and Recorder did the like to the Aldermen, and Burgesses, in their severll manner and formes, a while after went to a Handsome dinner, and about three in the Evening the Whole Corporation march't in their Severall Robes, with the Maces before the Mayor to the Town Hall.

The President, Mayor, Recordr, &ca met at ye ffort hall. ye Rt Honble Compa Chater read by the Secretary. Oaths administred to the Mayor, Recorder &ca. The whole Corporation marched wth their robes to the town hall.

Ship Ann Capt Freek Commandr sett saile this Evening for Trivetore to take in a freight of Slaves for Atchein.

Ship Ann set saile.

MUNDAY 2. No Consultation the President being indisposed.

Pass given to Shipp Tartar, Capt Edward English Comander.

℘mo. Pass to Ship Tarter. OCTOBER

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNESDAY 3.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.
The whole Councill being duely Summond.

The Generall to the Rt Honble Company was read and approved.

Genll to ye Rt Honble Compa read.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT : HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.

THO : WAVELL.
WILL : FRASER.
WM CAWLEY.
THO : GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

4TH Pass given to Sloop Princess, William Tuer Master and Owner.

Pass to Sloop Princess.

5. Dispatch't a Generall to Conimere of this date, with Pags 10000.

Genll to Conimere. 10000 P.

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6. Letter from Golcanda. Received a letter from Golcandah, but noe date.

7. Ship Tarter. & Sloop Princess set saile. Ship Tarter, Capt Edward English, Commander and Sloop Princess, William Tuer Master, set saile this morning, the one for Persia, and the other for the Mallabar Coast.

Letter from Madenanto. Rec^d a letter from Madenanto Governour of this Countrey demanding ye Town's rent.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 8TH.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON S^R JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.

Mr Higginson requested Bills of Exca. Mr Nathaniell Higginson desireing Bills of Exchange at^s 9 ₰ Pagoda, payable in England. Viz^t to Agent Beard's Widdow, Mrs Susanna Beard, Pag^a 455 and Sr Josiah Child &^ca Owners of Shipp Loyall Adventure, Pag^s 232 : 9 : it was allowed of, and Bills given him for the severall Summs.

President read his acct Cash. The President read his Acc^t Cash for the month of September, which was past in Councill, and the ballance amounting to Pag^s. [*Lacuna*]

Report of the Muster of Ship Bengall Mercht & yt 100 Ba: would fill her. Order'd to be sent aboard. Mr William Cawley gives the report of the muster of Ship Bengall Merchants men, to be 80 Europeans and 11 Blacks, and that by computation 100 Bales would fully lade the Ship, whereupon 5 hundred baggs of salt petre was order'd to be sent aboard, and the Warehousekeeper &c^a to hasten the sorting and baleing up what cloth the Merchants have in readiness, or can procure in four or five dayes, the weather continueing calme and fair, and that wee may not want Bales to lade her, t'is order'd that they make a second sort of Browne Long cloth to be the same as N° 1: white and also bales up the Careda sort of browne Sallampores.

Order'd a second sort of brown long cloth be made.

Postscript to ye Generall read & approved. Postscript to the Generall letter to the R^t Hon^bl Comp^a read & approved, it being demanded of the Councill by the Presid^t if any of them, had any objections or addition to make thereto, which was answer'd in the Negative, hopeing ye good news of the great encrease of the Citty Revenues will be wellcome, and acceptable to the R^t Honble Comp^a and the rest of our mannagement.

ELIHU YALE.
NATH : HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.

THO: WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
W^M CAWLEY.
WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry. THO: GRAY.

10 Recd a Genll from Conimere. Rec^d a Generall from Conimere dated the 8th Instant.

THURSDAY 11. No Consultation, being buisy about the dispatch of the Bengall Merchant.

12. Pass to Ship Francis. Pass given to Ship Francis, Robert Masfen, Command^r.

14. Dorothy Friggat arrived from England. This morning arrived the Dorothy Friggat, Capt James Thwaits Commander, from England and the Canaryes.

15. The Dorothy Friggat's Charterparty and Coppy of the Instructions to Capt James Thwaits, were brought ashoar and perused.

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Att a Consultation

Present

Tuesday 16.

Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governour
Mr Nath. Higginson Sr John Biggs
Mr John Littleton Mr
Mr Thomas Wavell Mr William Fraser
Mr William Cawley Mr Thomas Gray.
The whole Councill being duely summond.

The Dorothy Friggat unexpectedly arriveing here the 14th Instant, from England, and the Canarys with a cargoe of wine and eighteen out of twenty soldiers, which are orderd ashore with all possible expedition, Her Charterparty &ca were perused, and accordingly orderd, that since she cannot goe well to Bengall, Arrackan, Negrais, Pegue, or Tanassaree, wee must of necessity send her to the West Coast to returne hither with a Loading of Pepper, but by the way to call at Atchein, where possibly she may meet with some of the Mogulls or Syam's Shipps, and thence to proceed to Indiapore and Bencolen, sending upon her what Stores, people, and necessarys are procureable here, The Bencolen Friggat also to accompany her, part of her way, ordering her directly with stores and other materialls to Bencolen, and to keep her there so long as their occasions will require, and after to returne her wth pepper hether.

Dorothy's Charterparty &ca perused.

To send her to ye West coast. to call at Atchein, for ye Mogulls & Syam Ships. The Bencolen Friggat to accompany her part of ye way.

Received a letter from the Nabob at Conjevorom ordering the Payment of the Townes Rent to Madenanto this Countrey Governour, The buisiness being duely consider'd and debated, twas resolved to excuse the payment, at present, till we hear the contents of our Phyrmaund, which was sent to Surrat.

Letter from ye Nabob at Conjevorum. abt ye rent. to excuse ye payment.

Elihu Yale.
Nat: Higginson.
J. Biggs.

Tho: Wavell.
Will: Fraser.
Wm Cawley.
Tho: Gray.

William Proby Secry.

16. This morning arrived Shipp Delight from Atchein Robert Turlington Master.

Ship Delight arrivd fro: Atchein.

This Evening deliver'd Capt William Perse, Commandr of Ship Bengall Merchant, his Dispatch for England.

Deld Cap Perse's dispatch.

17. Recd a Generall from Conymere, dated the 15th Instant.

Generall from Conimere.

18. President Gyfford went aboard the Bengall Mercht this morning, in order to take his passage on her for England.

Presidt Gyfford went aboard.

19. Deliver'd Capt William Perse, the Packett to the Rt Honble Compa and the Bagg of Particular letters.

Deld Capt Perse ye packett.

20. The Shipp Bengall Merchant sett saile this morning for England.

Ship Bengll. Mercht sett sail for England.

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Att a Consultation

Saturday 20.

Present

Elihu Yale Esq[r] President & Governour
M[r] Nath. Higginson S[r] John Biggs
M[r] John Littleton M[r]
M[r] M[r] William Fraser
M[r] William Cawley M[r]
The whole Councill being duely summond.

Prevaild wth ye Porto Novo Merchants for 30000 pa: Investmt. Cannot Prswade ym to joine wth ye Conimere Merchts. P 10000 be sent ym overland. To Oblige ym to conclude in Jany next.

We not being able to perswade our own, nor the Conimere Merch[ts] to undertake a greater Investment, then 40000 Pa : here & 30000 : there, and M[r] Nicks &c[a] adviseing that they had prevailed with the Porto Novo Merchants for an Investment of 30000 : but will not be perswaded to joine wth the Conimere Merch[ts] to bring their goods thither, which has long been endeavour'd by us and them, however rather then loose the oppertunity of putting off, soe much of our Europe goods, and provideing of course ones, to lade the large Tonnage of our Shipps, Tis therefore agreed that 10000 Pag[s] be sent them overland, and that if they cannot bring them on better tearms ; To accept of those ; obligeing the Merchants at a prefixt time, in January to conclude their Contract, upon penalty of 25 ℘ Cent failure therein.

Dorothy Friggat to go to Atchein, in quest of the Mogulls & Syamr Shipps.

Being advised by severall Masters and Pylotts here that our Shipps may very well gett to Atchein this monsoon, and being the Windermost port of that Island; Tis therefore thought necessary and convenient that the Dorothy Friggat do goe to Atchein in Quest of the Mogulls and King of Syam's Shipps, hearing they intend to send 2 small ones, to lye in that Port in expectation of our Ships, & better to strengthen & encourage against those they may meet with, Tis orderd y[t] 20 Soldiers be sent on each Ship, well arm'd & fitted, as well to defend as to supply y[e] West Coast, where they are to leave y[m] upon their returne and haveing a considerable quantity of Bengall Oyle and butter, that wee cannot sell well here, and wast & decayes much by keeping, It's therefore thought best to send one hundred of Oyle, and fifty of butter, to Atchein, upon the Dorothy Friggat, it bearing a good Price there, also thirty Jarrs of each on the other Ship to Bencolen, also Rice &c[a] Graine.

20 Soldiers to be sent on each Ship.

Bengll butter & oyle to be sent for sale.

Govr do write to ye Queen of Atchein. She being greatly offended at our actions there.

Tis also thought convenient, that the Governour doe write to the Queen of Atchein, satisfying her Majesty of the many wrongs, abuses, and insufferable injuries, and provocations the R[t] Hon[ble] Company have rec[d] from the King of Syam, and his Ministers also of their unhumane actions at Mergen. Shee being greatly offended at some of our Actions of hostility by sinking and takeing some of the King of Syams Shipps in her road, and that a Present be sent to her, and also, to Janapatwan, suitable to M[r] Bloom's advice and desire.

10 years Genll from ye Rt Honble Compa to be ℘used & collect their orders & rules & have ym registred Mr ffreeman to ℘use the 20 years Consultations.

The Generall letters for these ten years Past, are order'd to be deliver'd to the severall Persons to peruse and collect, and register in a book for that purpose all the Hon[ble] Comp[as] laws and Rules relateing to y[e] Government &c[a], and that M[r] ffreeman haveing Sometime, doe peruse the Severall Consultation Books, for twenty Years past collecting all the Laws and orders made here, and that they be enterd in a book particularly for that purpose, wherein are also to be registred all future lawes that shall be made here, with an Index and Alphabet thereto.

Elihu Yale:
Nat. Higginson.
J. Biggs.

Tho : Wavell.
Will : Fraser
W[m] Cawley.
Tho: Gray.

William Proby Sec[ry].

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNESDAY 24.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH HIGGINSON S^R JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.

Generall letter for Direction to Mr Benjamin Bloome &c^a at Bencolen, as also a complimentall one from the Governour to the Emperour Jenaputwan, read and approved. Genll to Mr Benja: Bloom.

Orderd that Pag^s 10000 be sent overland to Porto Novo upon acc^t of the new Investment to be provided by those Merchants. P 10000: be sent overland to Porto Novo

Orderd that Pag^s 1382: be paid Mr Robert ffreeman Paymaster to defray charges garrison, also that Pag^s 96: 9: be paid him, for 32 p^r Gingham Sheets bought of him. P 1382: be Pd Mr ffreeman.

Mr William Cawley Land Customer read his Acc^ts of the Land Customes for the month of September which was past in Councill Viz^t. Land Customers accts read.

Land Customes	Pag^s	24 : 03 : 15
Weighers duty	„	01 : 18 : 31
Ruby Brokeridge at 1½ ℔ Cent...	„	06 : 00 : 00
Town Brokeridge at ½ ℔ Cent	„	06 : 00 : 00
Chowltry Customes	„	102 : 10 : 22
Measurers duty	„	111 : 28 : 38
Banksoil Toll	„	06 : 02 : 44
ffines	„	04 : 00 : 00
Register for Slaves &c^a	„	03 : 12 : 00
	Pa	265 : 03 : 00
Deduct for Wages &c^a		6 : 3 : —
	Pag^s	259 : — : —

Order'd that the sallary due and payable to the R^t Honble Comp^as servants at this place the 29th last month, be paid them, and that Mr Higginson do draw up a list accordingly, payable here for these last six months. Orderd the sallary be pd.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.
THO: WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
W^M CAWLEY.
WILLIAM PROBY SEC^ry. THO: GRAY.

This morning the President order'd three gunns to be fyred, which was for a signe, that the Dorothy & Bencolen Friggatt, and Ship Delight, should weigh Anchor & putt off to Sea, for fear of the threatning weaather. 25. Shipps in ye road sett saile & putt off to sea.

This day received advices of Jonshercawn, late Govern^r of this Countrey, being turn'd out of his government, and Mahomet Allebeague order'd to Succeed him, and 'till his comeing to the place, Mahomed Sadeek to act in it. Jonshercawn Govr of ye country turn'd out. Allebeague to succeed.

Rec^d another threatning letter from Medenanto Govr of Conjevoram, demanding the rent of this towne. 26. Threatning letter from Madenanto Govr of Conjevoram.

Rec^d a Generall from Conimere dated the 24th Instant. 27. Genl from Conimere

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MUNDAY 29.

ATT A CONSULTATION.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON S^R JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON M^R ROB^T FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.

The sharp letter recd from Madenanto. debated upon, & yt we still excuse ye paymt.

The sharp letter lately received from Madenanto Govern^r of Conjevorom concerning the nonpayment of the rent money, which being debated, and 'tis thought fitt that wee Still excuse it, upon the score that Nabob Mahomed Allibeague is comeing to the Government of this Countrey, who knowing the contents of the Phyrmaund sent the Generall at Bombay, which when we doe and hear from him, we shall then act accordingly.

Generll to Bengll & Vizagapa.

Generalls to Bengall and Vizagapatam read & approv'd and order'd to be engrost.

Warehousekeeper Accts read.

Mr John Littleton Warehousekeeper read his Book of Accompts for the month of September, which was past in Councill.

Paymastrs accts read.

Mr Robert ffreeman, Paymaster read his Book of Acc^ts for the month of September, which was past in Councill Viz^t.

Charges Garrison	P :	1071 : 31 : –
Charges Generall	„	458 : 25 : $\frac{5}{8}$
Charges Dyett	„	333 : 35 : $\frac{3}{4}$
Charges Extraordinary	„	03 : 00 : –
Charges Cattle	„	30 : 09 : $\frac{1}{2}$
Charges Merchandize	„	129 : 24 : –
Fortifications Repairs	„	79 : 07 : $\frac{5}{8}$
Expedition to Bengall	„	44 : 8 : $\frac{1}{4}$
West Coast	„	19 : 20 : $\frac{1}{4}$
Expedition to Tanassaree	„	– : 25 : –
Voyage to China	„	10 : – : –
	Pag^s	2181 : 07 . 0

Registers list of Actions read.

The Register delivers in a List of Action enter'd in the Coart of Admiralty, since Munday last wch was past in Councill.

Mr Higginson Mayor having ye charge of ye books & Mint. Cannot attend ye Coart so often as is requisite the Coart to be held once a fortnight. 2 Aldermen Justices do go to ye Chowltry as formerly.

Mr Nathaniell Higginson, Mayor, haveing the care and charge of the Generall Books of Accompts, and the Mint upon him, which will take up so much of his time, that he cannot attend the Coart so often as may be requisite, tis therefore agreed and order'd that the Mayors Coart be held once a fortnight, and that any two of the three English Aldermen Justices or what other Aldermen are willing doe goe to the Chowltry as formerly twice a week, to hear, punish and determine all small Offences and Complaints, to the amount of 2 Pag^s fine or award, all greater to be [de] ferr'd to the Mayors Coart to be reexamined and descided there.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT. HIGGINSON.
J BIGGS.

THO : WAVELL.
WILL : FRASER.
W^M CAWLEY.
WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry. THO : GRAY.

30.

Letter to Mahomed Sadeek.

Letter to Mahomed, Sadeek Sirkeel, and Madenanto Pontulo Governour of Conjevoram, excuseing the payment of the Towns rent, with promises readily to obey, Nabob Assurcawn (alias Allibeague's) orders therein, who is comeing wth great power and authority to governe this Countrey, if Allumgees has not already forgiven it in his Phyrmaund, sent to the Generall at Bombay.

Ship Benrg at Conimere. No new[s] of ye Dorothy.

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This Evening rec[d] advices of Ship Bencolens being at Conimere, and the Delight at Sadraspatam, but no news of the Dorothy ffriggat, w[ch] put out to sea, the 25 Instant. 31. Ship Delight arrived.

NOVEMBER 4.

Ship Delight arrived this morning, in this road.

Dispatch't Generalls to Vizagapatam and the Bay.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 5.

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M[R] NATH HIGGINSON S[R] JOHN BIGGS
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON M[R] ROBERT FREEMAN
M[R] THOMAS WAVELL M[R] WILLIAM FRASER
M[R] WILLIAM CAWLEY M[R] THOMAS GRAY.

Order'd that Pag[s] 1000 be paid M[r] Robert ffreeman Paymaster Generall, to defray Charges Garrison. P 1000 be paid Mr ffreeman.

Order'd that Pag[s] 50 be paid Paray, Powder maker, for provision of Gunpowder. P 50 be pd the Powder maker.

Ship Delight belonging to some of the Inhabitants of this Citty, being bound to the Southward, and the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Shipps, the Dorothy and Bencolen friggats which putt off to Sea, for fear of the danger of the monsoon, being yet not return'd, to take in the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Europe goods for Conimere and Porto Novo, according to contract wth those Merchants for their severall new Investments, Tis therefore thought fitt and Agreed to take the oppertunity of this countrey Vessell, to send what of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Servants, Silver, Broad cloth &c[a] goods design'd thither, upon the usuall ffreights, which the Warehouse-keeper is order'd to get in readiness, and lade on her, with all Possible speed, that the Merchants may have noe just Pretence, for not complying with their Contracts, at the aforesaid places, and twould be a great delay to wait the returne of said two Shipps, being very uncertaine this season and the Currants setting strong to the southward, their goeing to Porto Novo would be a great hindrance and Loss of time in their Voyage to the West Coast. The Rt Honble Comps Ships not yet arriveing. Order'd yt the Rt Honble Comps Servts and Europe goods be sent on ye Delight.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.
THO: WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
W[M] CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec[ry].

11. Dorothy friggat return'd.

Dorothy Friggat return'd and anchor'd this morning.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 12.

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M[R] NATH. HIGGINSON S[R] JOHN BIGGS
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON M[R]
M[R] M[R] WILLIAM FRASER
M[R] WILLIAM CAWLEY M[R] THOMAS GRAY
The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.
M[R] ROBERT FREEMAN *sick*.

The Dorothy being return'd from Sea, putting off to prevent the danger of the Storme, the Captain is order'd to unlade her with all possible expedition, that The Dorothy to be unladen.

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to proceed to Atchein & thence to ye West coast for pepper. The Present to Janapatwan approved. Conimere Merchts offers to provide single threaded Cotten yarn &50 Ca: round pepper also 20 Ca: Indigo at 25 P. ℔ Ca: Proposed to the Councill. Concluded not to exceed the Honble Compas limitted rates. Musters of Indigo to be sent home. P 10000 be pd Chinna Vencatadry &ca Merchts. President read his acct Cash. [Ord]ers that none should advance any thing upon Pollicatt pago.

he may proceed on his intended Voyage to Atchein, and thence to Indiapore and Bencolen to be laden with Pepper and returne hither.

The Present to Janapatwan was perused & approved referring it to Mr Bloome to present it him, the most obligeingst way he can contrive, or what thereof he shall Judge sufficient, and to referre the rest for another time.

Received advices from Conimere, that the Rt Honble Compas Merchants had undertaken the provision of single threaded Cotten yarne, and offer'd to provide 50 Ca: of round Pepper, and 50 Ca: Indigo at 25 Pags ℔ Candy but the Chief &ca write us that they beleived they could procure the pepper at 22: that being the price ye french paid for it, as also for the Indigo, which being propos'd to the Councill, 'twas concluded by majority of Votes as formerly, the Rt Honble Compa haveing possitively limitted us not to exceed 17: Pags therefore would no [t] venture upon breach of their orders, tho some were of another opinion; considering the scarcity of Pepper in England and its Price, the muster of Indigo is agreed to be sent home for England to have the Rt Honble Compas approbation thereof before we buy any.

Order'd that Pags 10000 be paid to Chinna Vencatadry &ca Merchants for provision of Callicoes upon their new Investment.

The President read his Accompt Cash for the month of October, which was past in Councill & the ballance amounting to ... ... Pags 92158 : 06 : 3.

Some Rogues to the Northward haveing falcifyed and counterfitted our Pagodas Coyne, makeing Pagodas of the same stamp, but not three quarters of the Vallue of ours, which has raised great doubts, and scandalls upon our Coyn, to the depreciateing it, two or three ℔ Cent, below Pollicatt Pagodas, even in our Citty by the Merchants and Sheroffs, to the great prejudice and discreditt of our Pagodas, and loss of our Mint Custome, 'tis therefore agreed, and orderd that Proclamation be made in Severall Parts of the Town and Citty, Prohibitting all Persons whatever from advanceing any thing upon the Pollicatt Pagoda by exchange, they being equall to ours, both in weight and fineness, and whosoever shall offend herein, to Pay twenty Pagodas for the first fault, aud Double for the Second, and a twelve months Imprisonment for the third.

Order yt none should send Gold from, hence, to be coyn'd [at], Pollicat.

Also that all Persons be forbidden to send Gold from hence to be coyned at Pollicatt Mint, upon fforfeiture thereof, upon due Prooffs, and that the Justices of the Peace, doe appoint the Publishing, and Affixing these Orders, In Inglish, Portugueze, and Gentue at Severall publick Places of the Citty.

[P 5]000 be sent to Conimere [on] Ship Delight.

Orderd that Pags 5000 be sent to Conimere on Ship Delight, on Acct of their's and Porto Novo's new Investment.

ELIHU YALE.

14. Genll to Surrat & Conimere.

Generalls to Surrat and Conimere, approved Signed and deliverd to the charge of the Master of Ship Delight.

15. Pass to Ship Delight's men.

Pass for the men belonging to Ship Delight.

Ship Delight set saile.

Ship Delight, sett saile for Conimere and Porto Novo th [is] Evening.

—*FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1688*—

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^r PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
MR NATH. HIGGINSON S^R
MR JOHN LITTLETON M^R
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY M^R
The whole Councill being duely summon'd.

MONDAY 19.

The Land Customes being a carefull, Laborious Charge and Employment, and Fees being appointed to the Sea Custome house, but none yet to the Land Customer, the Following small Fees are order'd to be paid him and his Assistants.

There being Severall small Timbers bought and made use of, for the R^t Honble Comp^as by Mr Jno Cheney then Storekeeper, but not then paid for, or by him charg'd to Acc^t the price not being agreed upon, which now haveing concluded, and being satisfied therein Mr Fraser is order'd to pay for them, the same price others doe.

The Government being still unsettled and ye Countrey surrounded wth Warr and troubles, which we have reason to beleive this place will shair in, from their often demands and threats against us, and the R^t Honble Comp^a haveing order'd us to Fortifie the Garrison and Towne where there is occasion, for its defence, and Severall Places being weak and decay'd, Tis agreed and orderd that the Paymaster Mr Robert Freeman doe give out money, to provide Iron Stone, Bricks, Timbers, Chinam &c^a for that use, and this being a dry and good season for building, Tis held most convenient that a small point of Six Gunns be built at the Bridge River Point to clear that side of the town and river, also a B[r]idge gate with four Gunns, and if Possible, to provide materialls, that a wall be built on that side of the Town, and a small Point of five gunns at the Northwest part of [*lacuna in the original*[for which the Mayor and Aldermen were advised to move the Corporation to a contribution to y^t necessary charge for the safety of them and the place.

M^r [*lacuna in the original*] Dean Son to Sr Anthony Dean comeing hither clandestinely, and makeing his request to Serve the R^t Honble Comp^a as a writer, noe other employment at present offering, and he being much recommended by the Governour to the President, he therefore entertains him accordingly, ordering him to have his dyet & lodgeing in the Fort, and to be kept close to writeing.

Mr Dean entertain'd in ye Rt Honble Compas service.

A small Parcell of Tonqueen Ware offering for sale which being very necessary for the Soldiers Slaves and severall other occasions at the West coast, Tis order'd that the Storekeeper doe buy them at 4 Pag^s ye thousand and send them upon the Bencolen when she arrives.

Tonqueen Ware to be bought for ye West Coast.

Mr John Littleton Warehousekeeper read his book of Accompts for the month of October, which was past in Councill.

Warehouse-keeprs Accts read.

Mr Thomas Wavell Sea Customer read his book of Accompts for the month of September which was past in Councill, Viz.

Sea Customers Accts read.

Custome for Goods	Pag^s	1,066 : 22 : 23
Weighers duty	„	13 : 00 : 04
Slaves	„	16 : 00 : 00
Anchoridge	„	28 : 18 : 00
	Pag^s	1,124 : 04 : 27

According to the Honble Comp^as order that Pag^s 40 be paid Mr Thomas Wavell, to encourage his dilligence & fidellity in the collecting the Citty ground rents.

ELIHU YALE. WILL: FRASER.
NAT: HIGGINSON. WM CAWLEY.
WILLIAM PROBY SEC^ry. THO: GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.

[19TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1688*——

Fees for ye Land Customr.

Fees for the Land Customer & Assistants.

All sorts of Goods, except the Rt Honble Compus imported or exported & Grain Provisions & Wood, exceeding ye vallue of five Pags are to Pay Fees upon all entries of Merchandize sent out or brought into the Citty Vizt.

from 5 Pags to 10 each entry	to pay	... ...	¼ fanam.
from 10 Pag : to 20	to pay	... ...	½ fan :
from 20 Pa : to 50	to pay	... ...	2 fan :
from 50 Pa : to 100	to pay	... ...	4 fanam.

And So : at 4 : fan ℘ Ct Pago according to ye vallue of goods enterd & to take noe more upon any Pretence, wtever, undr penalty of paying 1 Pago for each fañ : to ye Person so wrong'd, & ye said Fees to be devided Vizt ⅔ to the Land Customr & ⅛ to his Assistants, to encourage their dilligence & fidellity therein.

ELIHU YALE GOVR.
NATH. HIGGINSON.
JOHN BIGGS. Judge.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R. FFREEMAN.
THOMAS WAVELL.
WM FRASER.
WM CAWLEY.
THO : GRAY.

22. Recd Generalls of the 11th and 15th October last from Vizagapatam, wth their Consultations, Acct Cash and Stewards Acct and Coppies of their Generall Books.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 22.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON SR
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER.
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.
The whole Councill being duely Summond.

Land Customers Accts. read.

Mr William Cawley, His books of Accts of the Land Custō for the month of October was read and past in Councill Vizt.

Land Customes	Pags	26 : 09 : 53
Weighers duty	„	01 : 01 : 43
Rubie Brokers	„	06 : 00 . 00
Town Brokers	„	06 : 01 ; 00
Chowltry Customes	„	49 : 28 : 20
Measurers duty	„	96 : 35 : 05
Fines	„	03 : 18 : 00
Banksoll Toll	„	16 : 21 : 37
		206 : 06 : 58
Charges Deducted.		6 : 18 : 88
	Pags	199 : 23 : 70

Sea Customers Accts read.

Mr Thomas Wavell, Sea Customer, His Books of Accts of ye Sea Customes for the month of October was read & past in Councill. Vizt.

Accts Customes...	Pa :	511 : 21 : 27
Weighers duty	„	01 : 09 : 14
Anchoridge	„	13 : 00 : 00
Tonnage	„	30 : 00 : 00
	Pags	555 : 30 : 41

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Mr Robert Freeman, Paymaster Generall his Book of Accts for the month of October was read and Past in Councill Vizt. Pay masters acots read.

Charges Garrison	Pags	1036 : 19 : 7/16
Charges Generall	„	425 : 28 : —
Charges Dyett	„	220 : 17 : ¾
Charges Extraordinary	„	03 : — : —
Charges Cattle	„	13 : 19 : ½
Charges Merchandize	„	52 : 07 : ½
Fortifications and repaires	„	101 ; 30 ; ½
Expedition to Bengall	„	44 : 08 : ¼
Expedition to Tanassaree	„	00 : 25 : —
West Coast	„	20 : 20 : ¼
Voyage to China	„	10 : 00 : 00
	Pags	1928 : 32 : 3/16

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.

THO: WAVELL.

WILL: FRASER.
WM CAWLEY.
WILLIAM PROBY Secry. THO; GRAY.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR — MONDAY 26.
MR NATH. HIGGINSON SR
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.
The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

Haveing lately advice from Mr Rider, Master of the Bencolen, that she is still at Sadraspatam, and little hopes of a suddain attainment of this Port, the winds and Currants, continuing strong against her, tis therefore thought good that her supplies, Stores Provisions &ca be shipt aboard the Dorothy Friggat to be laden upon her there, and that Mr Fraser Storekeeper do write to the master overland to come hither to take an Account, what Stores &ca shall be laden and so to accompany them with his dispatch, and in the meantime to order one of ye Mates to remaine there with the Shipp, except an oppertunity offers to come nearer, but not to Venture out of Anchor hold, least She falls more to the Southward, and thereby longer delay her Voyage to the West Coast.

Benoolen at Sadras-patam.

her Stores, Provision &oa be sent on Dorothy Friggat, to be put aboard her there.

Mr Ralph Ingram Bookkeeper at Porto Novo haveing returnd his answers to the many objections against severall strange Entryes in those books sign'd by him, which not appearing to us of Sufficient Vallidity, to warrant such unreasonable allowances, Tis order'd that Mr Henry Mose, Attorney Generall do ꝑ use the Severall Accompts, Letters Consultations, &ca and draw up a remonstrance from them to be examin'd and adjudged by the Coart of Admiralty.

Mr. Ingram return'd his answer to ye Accomptts objections agst sevl entrys in Cuddalore books.

Orderd yt Mr Mose do ꝑ use ye severll Acots: lettrs: Consult. & draw-up a remonstrance to be examind & adjudged in ye Coart of Admiralty.

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Mintrs Complaint yt they are at great charge yn formerly. P 60 to be pd Narso &ca

The Minters complaining that they are at much greater charge then formerly, charcoale being very scarce and dere, and the eager gold requireing more fire then usuall, the Mint master is order'd to make an equall Proportion for their extraordinary charge.

Order'd that Pag^{s} 60 be paid Narso &c^{a} Washers for washing the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Callicoes.

Generall to Conimere read and past.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.

THO: WAVELL.
W^{M}: CAWLEY.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

26. Lettrs from Mahomed Sadeek & Meer Mahomood.

Letters from Mahomed Sadeek and Meermahamed from ye Camp, demanding this Towns rent.

26. Lettrs to Mahomed Sadeek & Meer Mahamod.

Letters to Mahomed Sadeek and Meermahamud, excuseing the payment of the Towns rent.

DECEMBER PMO.

Dipatch't a Generall to Conimere of this Date.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 3.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}
MR NATH. HIGGINSON S^{R}
MR JOHN LITTLETON M^{R}
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.
The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

Complaints of Ensign's & Corporall's misdeameanours. Severly reprehended for. fin'd 2 months pay.

There being complaints made to the Councill of some misdeameanours, committed by an Ensigne and Corporall of the gaurd on their rounds, few nights past, who were sent for and examined and being found faulty, were severly reprehended and fined two months pay to the Honble Comp^{a}.

The Councill adjourn'd to a Coart Martiall.

The Councill, adjourn'd to a Coart Martiall held at the ffort Hall, for the tryall of a Corporall and three Soldiers of the gaurd, that had lately committed theft at the house, where they were sent by the Justices to apprehend two Moormen for misdeameanors to be examined before the Justices.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.

THO: WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
W^{M}: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

5. Ship Rochester arrived from Trincamala.

Ship Rochester, Capt John Bromwell Command, arriv'd this day from Trincamala, and brought a kind letter from the Cheif &c^{a} there to the President, with an Enclosed for the Commissary Generall at Pollicat, wch was immediately dispatcht, with another from the Presid^{t} to him, returning him thanks for his kindness in ordering the Cheif &c^{a} assistance to Capt Bromwell, in ye fitting his Ship at Trincamala.

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Att a Consultation

Present

Thursday 6.

Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governour
Mr Nath. Higginson Sr
Mr John Littleton Mr
Mr Thomas Wavell Mr William Fraser
Mr William Cawley Mr Thomas Gray.

Mr William Fraser Storekeeper his book of Accts for the month of July & Augst was read and past in Councill.

Capt. Bromwell declared of ye civill usage had from ye Cheif &ca at Trincamala. his ships to be tight and sound. Mr Fraser &ca to survey Ship Rochester.

Ship Rochester arriveing yesterday from Trincamala, where Capt Bromwell declared he was civilly treated with all freindly assistance given him in the repaireing of his Ship, which he now affirmes her hull is tight and Sound, his leaks being well stopt and mended, 'Tis therefore order'd according to our former Consultations and Resolves on this matter, that Mr ffraser with what Commandrs Masters, & Carpenters procureable in the place doe goe aboard and Veiw and survey the said ship, her Condition, both as to her tighteness, soundness and the Condition of her Masts yards rigging &ca and give us a due acct thereof, in writeing, and afterwards we shall proceed accordingly, as to her entertainment or otherwise, and consider upon what Voyage to employ her, though we could have wish't, Capt Bromwell had taken our advice (which had been both the Rt Honble Compas and her owners Interests) to have saild from Trincamala to Bencolen, whence he might probably have been Laden and dispatch't for England.

Reddwood Merchts complaint. Not able to comply wth their contract in ye provision of reddwood. the reasons.

The reddwood Merchants complaining to the Councill, that they are not able to comply with their Contract, for the provideing of Reddwood without great Loss to themselves, it not being procureable at that place where it growes, at the price they formerly contracted for, by reason of the continued famine & great mortallity, that there is not Labourers to work, as also the Dutch's buying great quantityes, wch raises the price, however the Councill told them that they cannot receed from their Contract, but must duely ℔ forme it, but in consideration the Honble Compa doe much require it, Tis agreed that what wood they shall bring in hereafter, more then the late Contract to allow them 2½ Pags ℔ Candy, and that 500 Pags be now paid them upon those tearms.

2½ P ℔ Ca to be allowd ym for wt they shall bring in after compleating ye late Contract.

Elihu Yale.
Nat: Higginson.

Tho: Wavell.
Will: Fraser.
Wm Cawley
William Proby Secry. Tho: Gray.

7. Genll from Bengall.

Generall from Agent Charnock and Francis Ellis aboard the new Defence in Ballasore road, adviseing of their Expectation of a perwanna from Dacca, shortly; and that they still continueing their abuses, by detaineing several of our Men Prisoners, at Ballasore, nor permitting ye Shipping off our goods or provisions to come to us, also adviseing that they desired some of our people might be sent to treat of peace, with a person yt was comeing from Dacca with tearmes in order to it, and threatned, if we used any hostile action, they would put all the English with them, to the Sword, and confiscate our goods to the King's use.

Att a Consultation

Present

Munday 10.

Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governour
Mr Nath. Higginson Sr John Biggs
Mr John Littleton Mr
Mr Mr William Fraser
Mr William Cawley Mr Thoms Gray.
The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

[10th] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1688*——

The President's Acct Cash read.

The President read his Acct Cash for ye month of Novemr wch was examined and past in Councill, the Ballance amounting to ... ... Pags 78007: 10: 3.

Mr Higginson & Mr ffreeman report of Mr Alfords Turmerick, to pay 20 ₽ Ct Freight.

Mr Higginson & Mr Freeman gave in their report about ye examination of the ffreights of Mr Alfords Turmerick, laden on Ship Dragon for Persia, & are of opinion yt ye said goods were laden at 20 ₽ Cent fret & not at 1 Pago ₽ bag wch is order'd to be so paid and charged.

Mr Fraser &ca Surveyd Ship Rochester.

Mr Fraser &ca haveing been aboard & Surveyd ye Ship Rochester, delivers in their report to the Councill, wherein they find, tho her leaks & hold be well fitted & repaired, yet yt she is defective in her masts, yards, boltsplitt and rigging, wch will require sometime to fitt, Tis therefore agreed yt she be not reentertained into the Rt Honble Compa service, untill she be capable to take in goods & saile when we shall also resolve the disposall of her, ye aforesd report is orderd to be enterd immediately after this Consultation.

Sessions to be held on Munday next.

There being occasion for a sessions to be held for the tryall of offenders and other Causes. The Mayor &ca are orderd to Summon & hold a publick sessions upon Munday next at ye Town Hall for a Goal Delivery.

Cassa Ramana Deputy Govr of this Countrey, came to pay a Visitt to ye Presidt. a small Present be made him.

Cassa Ramana Deputy Governr to the Seerlascar of this Countrey, comeing to pay his Vissitt to the President who being a person of Eminency at Coar [t], & capable to doe us kindness there, Tis orderd that a small present of Scarlett and Perpetuanoes be made him to engage his ffreindship to our Affaires.

Elihu Yale.
Nat: Higginson.
J. Biggs.

Tho: Wavell.
Will: Fraser.
Wm Cawley.
Tho: Gray.

William Proby Secry.

Survey of ship Rochester.

Survey of Ship Rochester ye 7th December 1688.

Whereas the Honble President & Councill haveing orderd a survey to be made upon the Ship Rochester, Capt John Bromwell Commander. In pursuance to said order wee the Subscribers came on board the Rochester, searched & veiw'd her in all Parts within board, fore and aft between decks, the Eslope and the hould and find her in every part firme and sound and Very strong, there being neither Beam, knee, standar or bolt in her budged or started, which we narrowly inspected.

And haveing Veiw'd into her Larboard Bow where her old leak was, we find the same to be well mended firme and strong as any other part.

Her main mast a little under the Maintop we find to be fished, Her foreyard being broak, we find to be secur'd and both to us appear to be firme and strong, her Bowspritt being disabled must be taken out and repaired which the Carpenters of said Ship doe promise to effect in a short time.

And haveing gone round her without board to Veiw her sheatings, as much as could be seen by us above the water, find the same to be mended in many places with peices of deal boards about the Wales.

And when her Bowspritt is well and firmly mended & fast and well sett, we say upon the whole, according to our best Judgement & understanding, that she is a fitt Ship to adventure mens lives and Estates upon, for such a Voyage as from hence to England.

William Fraser.
James Thwaites.
John Deane.
William Russell.

11. Letter from the Commissary Generall at Pollicatt to the President.

12. The President return'd an answer to the Comissary's letter.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1688*—— [13TH]

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present THURSDAY 13.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON S^R JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON M^R
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY
The whole Councill being duely sum̃on'd.
MR FFREEMAN *sick.*

They being in want of money at Conimere to defray theirs and Porto Novo Charges and expences, Tis order'd that Pag^s 3000 be sent them by sea upon a Cattamaran esteem[ing] that much safer, then sending it by land, the Roads being very dangerous by the Mogulls and Maratta's armyes, who are dayly robbing & plundering those Parts, they being also in want of a Dubash at Porto Novo to carry on their buisiness there with their Merch^ts and Government; Tis orderd that sampson, an experienc'd man in that buisiness and those parts, be sent thither at 50 Pag^s ℘ an̄ñ : sallary dureing the time of his service there, which is but half the pay of other Factoryes.

Alvara Cassella desireing leave (according to the R^t Honble Comp^as Liberty given) to dispose of the Europe goods consigned out to him, there being no oppertunity of a transportation at Present Tis agreed that it be granted him upon the R^t Honble Comp^as tearmes of 20 ℘ Cent upon Invoice.

Letters to Conimere and Porto Novo read & approv'd being to press their Merchants to allow the same prices for silver, and Corrall our[s] doe, which they obstinately dispute, it being more then the price Currant.

Also to hasten in their Investment as well to prevent the danger of the approaching troubles & warrs in those parts, as also that wee may have their goods in readiness for the early dispatch of a shipp for England.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT : HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.

THO : WAVELL.
WILL : FRASER.
W^M CAWLEY.
THO : GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry.

Quarter Sessions held this day at the Coart of Admiralty for the tryall of a moreman, who was accused of Buggaree. 17.

Rec^d a Generall from Conimere dated the 13th Instant, adviseing they had been lately disturbed by Ramajee Kishna's comeing downe (wth Harja Raja's Commission) with a considerable fforce of horse and foot to plunder the borders of Golcandah Countrey, and in his way wrote them, that he would come and Vissit them, but was diverted by adviseing the great loss it would be to ye Divan to impeed our Affaires at that Juncture, but no sooner he had left them, fell Contrary to his Commission, to robbing the adjacent ports of money and Jewells to the amount of 20000 Pag^s for which rash action he was sent to give an acc^t and placed Vittulepillees son in his stead to mannage the said Commission, as also Gopall punditt made Subidar of Cuddalore &c^a and Vittulepillee restored to his former station.

Rec^d another from Conimere dated the [*lacuna in the original*] Instant.

Letter from the Commissary Generall of Pollicatt to the President, adviseing 19.
of a boat with nine English seamen and one ffactor, arrived at Gallee on Zeilon, y^t 20.
belong'd to Ship Providence, who came ashoar for Provision, but the boat proveing leaky was forced to stay.

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21. The President return'd answer to the Commissary's letter, desireing he would order those English men at Gallee up hither whose charges shall be repaid.

22. Ship Resistance, Mr John Coventry, Owner arrived this day from Bengall and brought us a Generall from the Agent and Councill there and another from Capt William Heath.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRY

Present

Saturday 22.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.

Ship Resistance arriveing this day from Bengall, Broũt us a Generll from Capt Heath: & another from ye Agent &ca in Ballasore road, wch were ℘ used & adviseing their design upon Chettegam, the President enjoyn'd ye whole Council to secrecy therein, being a matter of great consequence since the discovey thereof might bring troubles upon ye place, he also proposed the sending of ye Dorothy thither wth men, Arms, Ammunition Stores to recruit ym wch was left to the Councills consideration, to give their resolves next meeting, in ye meantime, ye Storekeepr is order'd to get ready such stores &ca necessaryes as may be usefull for that designe in Bengall, if we have any notice of ye want of them.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.

THO. WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
WM CAWLEY.
WILLIAM PROBY Secry. THO: GRAY.

Pearle Friggat, Capt James Perryman Commander arrived this day from Mallacca, being forced thither by contrary winds and bad weather he mett wth coming out of Atchein, and intended for Bengall, and brought the news of the King of Syam's death and of Constant Phaulkon being beheaded for conspiraceing the death of the King.

24. A French man of Warr arrived here this day from Mergen, and brought a letter from Mr John Treader confirming the news of the death of the King of Syam and Constant Phaulkon, also adviseing of another cruell massacre that had lately been committed on the ffrench at Merge and Syam.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

Monday 24.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH. HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.
MR ROBERT FREEMAN *sick*.

The discourse last Consultation day upon sending the Dorothy Friggat to Bengall was renewed, but the Pearle ffriggat arriveing this day from Mallacca, wth Mr John Hill, put us in consideration of sending her instead of the Dorothy, she being a small Shipp, more capable of those shallows, and comeing nearer the ffort of Chittegam then the other, as also of sufficient Tonnage to carry Stores &ca necessaryes thither.

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Mr John Hill and Capt James Perryman was also questioned upon the discharge of their Commission where they had been, and how they had disposed of their time and concernes since they departed from us which being too large for discourse, they were order'd to give a Journall and Dyary of their Voyage & Affairs with an acct of all news transactions & occurrances of moment at the severall places they have been at, & Mr Hodges and Mr Hills goeing to Syam being not agreable to our Orders, Tis orderd that the Coart of Admiralty doe examine the occasion thereof & adjudge it accordingly.

The Storekeeper order'd to send for the Soldiers, Stores &ca ashoare from the Pearle ffriggat and that she be fitted here if Possible to proceed upon another Voyage.

The Councill discourst of the news brought by Mr Hill of the Dutch great preparation for Bengall from Mallacca. Tanasseree and Atchein, also of the death of the King of Syam, and of the expected untimely end of Constant Phaulkon and of another cruell Massacre that had lately been committed on the french at Merge and Syam.

The sending of a shipp to Syam was also discourst of, to accomodate differences there, but nothing resolv'd thereon, haveing noe orders from the Rt Honble Compa for it, tho beleiv'd by all, that it might be of good service to them, however twas resolved to send an early ship home for England, to advise their Honrs of the death of the King of Syam, Capt Heaths Actions and designes in the Bay, and of the state of the troubled Countrey, all being of great Importance to their Affaires.

Mr John Littleton Warehousekeepr his book of Accts for the month of Novembr was read and past in Counll:

Also Mr William Cawleys Land Customer His book of Accts for the month of Novembr was read, Viz.

Land Customes	Pags	13 : 25 : 73
Weighers duty	„	— : 22 : 78
Rubie Brokers 1½ ℔ Ct	„	9 : 00 : 00
Cloth do. ½ ℔ Ct	„	3 : 04 : 58
Chowtry Customes	„	40 : 3 : 38
Mesurers duty	„	51 : 30 : 38
Banksoll Godown rent	„	4 : 9 : 56
Butteck & Shroffage	„	66 : 12 : —
Fines	„	4 : 23 : —
		193 : 22 : 91
Charges Deducted.		10 : 8 : 37
	Pa.	183 : 15 : 54

Mr Thomas Wavell his book of Accts of mintage in his time, was read and past and the ballance paid in.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT. HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.

THO WAVELL.
WILL FRASER.
WM CAWLEY.
THO. GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Ship Retreive, George Paulin, Master arrived this day from Bengall. 25

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Att a Consultation

Present

Thursday 27.

Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governour
Mr Nath Higginson Sr John Biggs
Mr John Littleton Mr
Mr Thomas Wavell Mr William Fraser
Mr William Cawley Mr Thomas Gray.
Mr Robert Freeman *sick*.

Since our last discourse about our sending the Pearle Friggat to the Bay, she is found upon survey to be leaky that she is not fitt to proceed upon any Voyage, till she is well repaired, Tis therefore orderd that she proceed to Porto-Novo and there to be well fitted, carrying with her what Stores and necessaryes requisite for that and Conimere ffactory as also the stores and Provisions for Ship Bencolen for the West Coast, she being not able to beat it up from Sadraspatam, and that after her speedy fitting at Porto Novo, that she bring down the goods from those ffactoryes for the Europe Shipping, and then to proceed to Vizagapatam, with a stock intended for that ffactory and thence to the Bay according as we shall receive advices of their proceedings and intentions, or else returne with what goods they shall have in readiness at Vizagapatam.

The Captaine of the Dorothy ffriggat haveing now repaired her Masts, and well fitted her, tis ordered that she proceed on her intended Voyage to Atchein and West Coast with the Honble Compas Jarrs of butter and Oyle, not Vendible here, also what ffreight procureable for Atchein, they yet desireing noe assistance from the Bay.

Orderd that Pags 2000 be paid Mr Robt ffreeman Paymaster to defray Charges garrison, he being out of Cash.

The Paymaster Mr Robert ffreeman his Accts for the month of November, were read and past in Councill, ℘ticulars Viz.

Charges Garrison	P.	1025 : 12 : $\frac{3}{8}$
Charges Generall	,,	361 : 32 : —
Charges Dyett	,,	193 : 05 : $\frac{5}{8}$
Charges Cattle	,,	14 : 03 : $\frac{5}{8}$
Charges Merchandize	,,	24 : 22 : —
Fortifications and Repaires	P.	42 : 16 : $\frac{1}{2}$
Factors Provisions	,,	64 : 18 : —
Expedition to Bengall	,,	76 : 14 : $\frac{1}{4}$
Expedition to Tanassaree	,,	— : 25 : —
Ditto to the West Coast	,,	05 : 20 : $\frac{5}{8}$
Voyage to Tonqueen	,,	10 : 00 : —
	Pags	

The Prisoners that were brought on ye Pearl ffriggot taken on the Pyrat Sloop from Bengall, are order'd to be examined in the Coart of Admiralty, & adjudged according to the merrits of their Crimes, being some of those that run away with the good hope from the Bay, and after committed many Villanous Pyracyes on the China Juncks and other Vessells in the south seas.

Elihu Yale.
Nat : Higginson.
J. Biggs.

Tho : Wavell.
Will : Fraser.
Wm Cawley.
Thomas Gray.

William Proby Secry.

28. Ship Williamson, Capt Stephen Ashby Commander, arrived this day from Bengall and Vizagapatam.

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Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR — SATURDAY 29.
MR NATH. HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.
MR ROBERT FFREEMAN *sick.*

Ship Williamson arriveing last night, with advices from Bengall and Vizagapatam, wherein the letter from the Agent and Councill and Capt Heath, doe tell us that the Capt has not yet possitively determined whether to goe upon the designe of takeing Chettegam or not, but supposed they were inclined that way, if they could not make a peace according to the Rt Honble Compas orders, but the Capt seems doubtfull of great difficulty therein by reason of the Shallows on that Coast, as we are, that their actions at Ballasore, has alarm'd the Nabob to encrease his forces there, being reported they are 10,000 strong in the ffort of Chittegam.

Being much disappointed of the quantity of goods, wee expected from Bengall from the great stock of mony and goods they have had near 14 months by them with our often repeated advices and desires to invest it, for the early ladeing and dispatching of a Ship for England but to our sorrow have sent us but 363 Bales of goods and those not rightly sorted nor Invoiced by reason as they write us of their suddain leaveing the towne of Chootalootee, sending up Mr Meverell &ca to resort, pack and Invoice ym, Tis therefore orderd that the said Bales be brought ashoar with all expedition, & accordingly sorted and embaled by the said Mr Meverell &ca Bengallers, and one of our Godown to inspect them.

Mr John Littleton Warehousekeep̃ is order'd to unlade the rice Gunnyes Ropes, and haveing a great quantity of butter, Oyle here tis order'd that the butter now sent us be traverst aboard the Dorothy for Atchein and the West Coast, it being not Vendible to any proffit here by reason of its rankness.

Upon Debate what shipp to send first to England, in consideration that Shipp Rochesters Charterparty time will be expired the 20th January next, agreed and the Capt resolved laden or not laden to proceed for England, The Capt engageing to fitt and man her well & be ready to take in goods in 6 or 8 dayes, and ye Williamson, haveing yet twelve months time to serve in the Country and in all appearance in noe better Condition, neither in men or repair then the other, tis therefore agreed & order'd that Ship Rochester be laden and dispatcht for England with all possible expedition, and that the Bengall goods and Permissive trade upon ye Williamson be traverst aboard the other, except those order'd ashoar to be resorted and Invoiced, and that the Warehouskeep̃ do hasten the Merchant's bringing in and sorting their goods, and that advices be sent to the Southern ffactory's to forward theirs, that she may be dispatch't early for the saveing of her Passage.

Some Persons desireing to be insured upon Shipp Rochester for England, according to the Rt Honble Compas orders, and libertyes granted in that Affair, Mr Gray Register of the Insurance office is order'd to make ready what Pollicyes are desyred at the rate of 5 ℘ Cent and not under.

Capt Heath haveing sent us severall ffrench Officers and Soldiers from Bengall, which were by him taken there, order'd that both the Persons and Shipps be referr'd to the Coart of Admiralty, and there to be examined and adjudged according to Justice.

And there not being sufficient goods procureable in the Countrey to lade the Williamson this season for England, by reason of the Warrs and troubles in the Countrey and the great want of weavers, ⅔ of them being dead & removed by the late famine & Pestilence, & not being yet able to Perswade ours, the Conimere or Porto Novo Merchants to engage in a further Contract, they finding great difficulty

and loss to comply with their formers, tis therefore thought best and most for the Rt Honble Compas Interest, to send the Williamson for Persia, with the 800 Baggs of Sugar now brought from the Bay, and what freight procureable, which we hope may amt to a full Ladeing, and a considerable Proffit from four Shipps expected hither this month from China with Sugar &ca goods proper for Persia, tis therefore orderd that bills be putt up to give notice of her intended Voyage, to Sale by the 10th february, and that all Persons have liberty to freight on her at the accustomary rates.

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THO: GRAY.

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MR MR
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MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.
The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

The Ship Bencolen being order'd to be dispatch't directly to the West Coast wth Stores &ca necessaryes, but ye Dorothy ffriggat being a more warlike and Secure Shipp. Tis order'd that 6: Chests of Silver, Arms &ca be sent on her, notwithstanding she is first to touch at Atchein, supposeing there will be less difference in their Passage yn Safety.

They haveing sent us noe list of Freight goods laden on the Williamson from Bengall, Capt Ashby is therefore orderd to give in a Particular list thereof, that the freight of them may be taken by the Warehousekeep and likewise a list of Permissive trade laden for England, that the Proprieters doe give us their Invoices, and consign'd to the Rt Honble Compa according to their Conditions.

The Accomptant haveing an occasion for an assistant for ye bringing up ye Genll books & Mr Safford lately in quality of a Mercht in Bengall comeing up hither on ye Williamson wth designe to returne home for England who being reputed an able Accomptt was sent for to the Councill to ℘swade his stay to undertake yt charge, his sallary to be 40£ ℘ añ: the half to be paid here, wch he desired till next Consultã day to Consider of in wch time he will give his answer.

Capt Bromwell being design'd home and wanting men, there being severall Seamen upon the gaurd and desireous to goe upon him & being a case of necessity, tis agreed that such Persons be spared him, but not to exceed the number of 10, Paying the Rt Honble Compa 26: Pags each for the charge of their comeing out.

The Paymaster is order'd to make up the Pearl friggots mens wages, and deliver the acct into the Councill that they may have it paid them.

Nicholas Garren a poor Soldier haveing both his leggs shott off in the late Warr in Bengall and now sent us on the Williamson, Petitioning the Rt Honble

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Compas charity to his misfortunes, tis agreed that his Pay be continued, and an Imploy given him wherein he may be as Serviceable as his sadd Condition is capable of.

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J. BIGGS.

THO: WAVELL.
WILL FRASER.
WM CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

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